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OF THE
FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION,
OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
IN SOUTH-CAROLINA :

HELD IN ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, CHARLESTON,

On the 4th, 5th, 6th and 8th of FEBRUARY,

1847.

WITH

LISTS OF THE CLERGY AND PARISHES,
THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS, THE CONSTITUTION, CANONS AND RULES
OF ORDER, AND THE STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

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ALPHABETICAL LIST OF THE CLERGY,

BELONGING TO THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN SOUTH-CAROLINA,

FEBRUARY 1847.



THE Rt. Rev. CHRISTOPHER EDWARDS GADSDEN, D. D., *Bishop of the Diocese, and Rector of St. Philip's Parish, Charleston.*

PRESBYTERS.

The Rev. Pierre Teller Babbit, *Principal of the Diocesan School, Charleston, and Missionary.*

- “ William H. Barnwell, *Rector of St. Peter's Church, Charleston.*
- “ John Barnwell Campbell, *Assistant Minister of St. Philip's Church, Charleston.*
- “ John W. Chanler, *residing in New-York.*
- “ Augustus L. Converse, *Rector of the Church at Claremont, Stateburg.*
- “ Andrew H. Cornish, *Rector of Trinity Church, Abbeville.*
- “ J. Hamilton Cornish, *Rector of the Church of St. Thaddæus, Aiken.*
- “ William Dehon, *Rector of the United Churches of Pineville and Upper St. John's.*
- “ Francis P. Delevaux, *residing at Walterboro'.*
- “ Thomas C. Dupont, *Missionary at St. Stephen's Chapel, Charleston.*
- “ Charles P. Elliott, *Rector of St. Philip's Church, Bradford Springs.*
- “ Stephen Elliott, *Assistant Minister of Prince William's Parish.*
- “ Henry Elwell, *Officiating and Teaching at Mar's Bluff, Darlington District.*
- “ J. R. Fell, *Rector of Christ Church Parish.*
- “ Andrew Fowler, *Charleston.*

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The Rev. Philip Gadsden, *Rector of St. Paul's Parish, Stono, and St. Paul's Church, Summerville.*

- “ Paul T. Gervais, *residing in St. John's, John's Island.*
- “ Allston Gibbes, *residing in Philadelphia.*
- “ Alexander Glennie, *Rector of All Saint's Parish, Waccamaw.*
- “ Christian Hanckel, D. D., *Rector of St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeboro.*
- “ James Stuart Hanckel, *Rector of St. Andrew's Parish, and Assistant Minister of St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeboro.*
- “ Robert Henry, D. D., *Professor in the South-Carolina College.*
- “ Rob't T. Howard, *Rector of Prince George's Parish, Winyaw.*
- “ Jedediah Huntington, D. D., *absent in Europe.*
- “ Nathaniel Hyatt, *Rector of St. James' Santee.*
- “ Paul Trapier Keith, *Assistant Minister of St Michael's Church, Charleston.*
- “ Maurice H. Lance, *residing near Georgetown.*
- “ Charles E. Leverett, *Rector of Prince William's Parish.*
- “ Alexander W. Marshall, *Missionary at St. John's Chapel, Hampstead.*
- “ David McElheran, *Rector of St. Helena Church, St. Helena Island.*
- “ Stiles Mellichamp, *Rector of St. James' Church, James Island.*
- “ Josiah Obear, *Rector of St. John's Church, Fairfield, and Missionary to Winnsboro.*
- “ Edwd. Phillips, *Rector of St. Thomas' and St. Dennis' Parish.*
- “ C. C. Pinckney, *acting as Agent of the Foreign Committee of the General Missionary Society.*
- “ William T. Potter, *residing at Beaufort.*
- “ Edward Reed, *Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Grahamville.*
- “ Richard S. Seely, *Missionary in Newberry District.*
- “ Peter J. Shand, *Rector of Trinity Church, Columbia.*
- “ Robert D. Shindler, *Rector of St. Matthews' Parish.*
- “ Isaac Swart, *Missionary and teaching in Darlington District.*
- “ N. P. Tillinghast,
- “ Paul Trapier, *Charleston.*
- “ Joseph R. Walker, *Rector of St. Helena Parish, Beaufort.*
- “ Edward T. Walker, *Rector of Christ Church, Wilton.*
- “ C. B. Walker, *Rector of Trinity Church, Edgefield.*
- “ Cranmore Wallace, *Rector of St. John's Parish, Berkley.*

The Rev. Benjamin C. Webb, *Missionary in Prince William's Parish, among the slave population.*

- “ Arthur Wigfall, *Rector of St. Mark's Parish, Clarendon.*
- “ Alsop Woodward, *Rector of St. Luke's Parish.*
- “ Thomas John Young, *Rector of St. John's Parish, John's Island.*

DEACONS.

The Rev. Thos. J. Arthur, *Minister of Christ Church, Greenville.*

- “ E. H. Downing, *Missionary and teaching at Lynchville, Kershaw District.*
- “ A. Gregg, *Minister of St. David's Church, Cheraw.*
- “ Wm. H. Hanckel, *Minister of the Church on Edisto Island, and St. Stephen's Chapel, Edingsville.*
- “ L. Clement Johnson. ~
- “ W. C. Prentiss, *Minister of St. Bartholomew's Parish.*
- “ J. M. Pringle, *Minister of Zion Church, Richland.*

Bishops,	-	-	-	1
Presbyters,	-	-	-	51
Deacons,	-	-	-	7
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Total,	-	-	-	59

The following Clergymen did not attend the meetings of the Convention, viz:—

PRESBYTERS.

- The Rev. J. W. Chanler,
- “ Wm. Dehon,
- “ F. P. Delavaux,
- “ H. Elwell,
- “ A. Gibbes,
- “ R. T. Howard,
- “ J. Huntington, M. D.
- “ M. H. Lance,
- “ N. P. Tillinghast,
- “ A. Wigfall.

DEACONS.

The Rev. T. S. Arthur,

- “ J. M. Pringle.

The Rev. C. D. Jackson, *of the Diocese of N. York, Agent of the Sunday School Union,* was invited to the sittings of the Convention.

The following CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS were also present.

Messrs. C. P. Gadsden,
 J. Ward Simmons,
 B. Johnson,
 J. Grimke Drayton, and
 Joseph F. Lee, Jun.



LIST OF PARISHES AND CHURCHES,

IN THE DIOCESE OF SOUTH-CAROLINA, WITH THE DATES
 OF THEIR FOUNDATION ANNEXED.

<i>St. Philip's</i> (original Church, built 1681,) <i>Parish</i> ,	1704,
<i>St. James'</i> Parish, Santee,	1706, April 9.
<i>St. Andrew's</i> ,	1706, Nov. 30
<i>St. Bartholomew's</i> ,	1706, " "
<i>Christ Church</i> ,	1706, " "
<i>St. James'</i> ,	1706, " "
<i>St. John's</i> ,	1706, " "
<i>St. Thomas and St. Dennis</i> ,	1706, " "
<i>St. Paul's</i> ,	1706, " "
<i>St. Helena's</i> ,	1712,
<i>Prince George's</i> ,	1721,
<i>St. John's</i> ,	1734,
<i>Prince Frederick's</i> ,	1734, Chapel Peepee, 1838,
<i>Prince William's</i> ,	1745,
<i>St. Michael's</i> ,	1751, (Church built 1761,)
<i>St. Mark's</i> ,	1757,
<i>All-Saints</i> ,	1767, May 23.
<i>St. Luke's</i> ,	1767,
<i>St. Matthew's</i> ,	1768, " "
<i>St. David's</i> ,	1768, Church Cheraw 1820,
<i>Church on Edisto Island</i> ,	1774,
<i>Clarendon Church</i> ,	Stateburg, 1788,
<i>St. Helena Church</i> ,	St. Helena Island,
<i>Pinerville and Upper St. John's</i> ,	1807,
<i>St. Paul's Church</i> ,	Radcliffeboro', 1810,
<i>Trinity</i> "	Columbia, 1812,

<i>North Santee, Church,</i>		about 1817,
<i>Grace, "</i>	Sullivan's Island,	1817,
<i>St. Paul's "</i>	Pendleton,	about 1821,
<i>Christ "</i>	Greenville,	1825,
<i>Grace, "</i>	Camden,	1830,
<i>St. James' "</i>	James Island,	1831,
<i>St. Peter's "</i>	Charleston,	1833,
<i>Trinity "</i>	Society Hill,	1833,
<i>Christ "</i>	Wilton,	1834,
<i>Holy Trinity "</i>	Grahamville,	1834,
<i>Trinity "</i>	Edgefield,	1835,
<i>St. John's "</i>	Fairfield,	1839,
<i>St. Philip's "</i>	Bradford Springs,	1841,
<i>Trinity "</i>	Abbeville,	1842,
<i>Church of the Messiah,</i>	North Santee,	1842,
<i>Church of St. Thaddeus,</i>	Aiken,	1842,
<i>Emmanuel Church,</i>	Chester,	1843,
<i>Zion Church,</i>	Richland,	1844,
<i>Church of the Epiphany,</i>	Laurens,	1846,
<i>Grace Church,</i>	Charleston,	1846.

CONGREGATIONS.

NOT ENTITLED TO A REPRESENTATION IN THE CONVENTION.

<i>St. Stephen's Chapel,</i>	Charleston,	1822,	}	<i>Mission</i>
<i>St. John's "</i>	Hampstead,	1839,		<i>Congregations.</i>

L A Y D E L E G A T E S

PRESENT AT THE CONVENTION WERE AS FOLLOWS:

St. Philip's Charleston, Daniel Huger, Benjamin D. Heriot, Henry D. Lesesne, and P. Gadsden Edwards, M. D.
St. James' Santee, C. C. Pinckney.
St. Andrew's, N. R. Middleton, Jno. A. Ramsay and F. S. Holmes.
St. Bartholomew's.
Christ Church, John Hamlin, James S. Rhett.
St. James' Goose Creek, Col. M. I. Keith.
St. John's Berkley, John Harleston, K. S. Ball and F. A. Ford.
St. Thomas and St. Dennis.
St. Paul's, Stono.
St. Helena, Beaufort, Dr. B. B. Sams, R. W. Barnwell.
Prince George, Winyaw, J. Harleston Read.

St. John's, John's Island, Wm. S. Whaley.
Prince Frederick's, Pee dee,
Prince William's, F. G. Fraser, G. C. Mackay.
St. Michael's, Charleston, Dr. I. M. Campbell, Dr. H. S. Waring, Dr. J. P. Jervey, and Thos. F. Capers.
St. Mark's, Clarendon.
All-Saints, Waccamaw, P. C. J. Weston.
St. Luke's, Thos. F. Drayton.
St. Matthew's, C. R. Thomson.
St. David's, Cheraw.
Church on Edisto Island, Dr. Edward Mitchell.
Claremont Church, Stateburg.
St. Helena Church, St. Helena Island.
Pineville and Upper St. John's, Henry W. Ravenel, Charles Sinkler.
St. Paul's, Radcliffeboro', James Gregorie, James Simons, C. R. Brewster.
Trinity Church, Columbia, Wm. B. Wilson.
Grace Church, Sullivan's Island, J. L. Petigru, Col. J. B. I'On.
St. Paul's, Pendleton.
Christ Church, Greenville.
Grace Church, Camden.
St. James', James Island, Hon. John Rivers, Dr. Robert Lebby.
St. Peter's Charleston, C. G. Memminger, C. A. Desaussure.
Trinity Church, Society Hill.
Christ Church, Wilton, Joseph W. Faber, Lewis Morris.
Holy Trinity, Grahamville, Wm. E. Martin, John H. Howard, J. E. Mitchell.
Trinity Church, Edgefield.
St. John's Fairfield, Samuel Dubose, Senr.
Trinity Church, Abbeville.
Messiah Church, North Santee, Jas. H. Ladson, J. R. Pringle, Andrew Johnston.
St. Thadæus Church, Aiken, Edward R. Laurens, James Gadsden, Wm. H. Trescott.
Emmanuel Church, Chester.
Zion Church, Richland, Hon. D. E. Huger, Thos. B. Clarkson.
Epiphany Church, Laurens.
Grace Church, Charleston, B. T. Rhett, John Clarkson.
St. Philip's Church, Bradford Springs.

MINUTES OF THE CONVENTION.

Charleston, February 4th, 1847.

THIS being the day appointed by the last Convention for the Fifty-eighth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of South-Carolina, the Clergy and Laity assembled in St. Michael's Church at 10 o'clock A. M. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. C. B. Walker. A Sermon was preached by the Rev. E. Reed. The Ante-Communion Service was read by the Rev. Dr. Hanckel; and the Communion administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. C. Hanckel, D. D., and the Rev. Messrs. Trapier, J. R. Walker and Wallace.

After Divine Service, the Convention was called to order by the Bishop; the roll called by the Secretary of the last Convention, and a quorum of both orders found present.

The following Clergymen answered to their names, viz:—

BISHOP.

The Rt. Rev. C. E. GADSDEN, D. D.

PRESBYTERS.

The Rev. P. T. Babbit,	The Rev. A. W. Marshall,
" W. H. Barnwell,	" D. McElheran,
" J. B. Campbell,	" S. Mellichamp,
" A. L. Converse,	" J. Obear,
" A. H. Cornish,	" E. Phillips,
" J. H. Cornish,	" W. T. Potter,
" T. C. Dupont,	" E. Reed,
" C. P. Elliott,	" R. S. Seely,
" Stephen Elliott,	" P. J. Shand,
" J. R. Fell,	" R. D. Shindler,
" A. Fowler,	" S. Swart,
" P. Gadsden,	" P. Trapier,
" P. T. Gervais,	" J. R. Walker,
" A. Glennie,	" E. T. Walker,
" C. Hanckel, D. D.	" C. B. Walker,
" J. S. Hanckel,	" C. Wallace,
" R. Henry, D. D.	" B. C. Webb,
" N. Hyatt,	" A. Woodward,
" P. T. Keith,	" T. J. Young.
" C. E. Leverett,	

DEACONS.

The Rev. E. H. Downing,
" A. Gregg,

The Rev. W. H. Hanckel,
" W. C. Prentiss.

The Rev. C. D. Jackson of New-York, Agent of the Sunday School Society, was present under the twenty-fourth Rule of Order.

The certificates of the Lay Delegates were referred to a Committee consisting of Messrs. Jas. S. Rhett, F. A. Ford and F. S. Holmes.

The list of the Clergy entitled to vote was referred to a Committee, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. Young, Shand and S. Elliott. This Committee reported as follows:—

The Committee appointed to inquire into the qualifications of the Clergy for seats and votes in the Convention, respectfully report:

1st. That the following Clergymen are entitled to all the privileges of members of this house:

The Rev. W. H. Barnwell,
" J. B. Campbell,
" A. L. Converse,
" A. H. Cornish,
" J. H. Cornish,
" Wm. Dehon,
" C. P. Elliott,
" Stephen Elliott,
" J. R. Fell,
" P. Gadsden,
" A. Glennie,
" C. Hanckel, D. D.
" J. S. Hanckel,
" R. T. Howard,
" N. Hyatt,
" P. T. Keith,

The Rev. C. E. Leverett,
" D. McElheran,
" S. Mellichamp,
" J. Obear,
" E. Phillips,
" W. C. Prentiss,
" E. Reed,
" P. J. Shand,
" R. D. Shindler,
" J. R. Walker,
" E. T. Walker,
" C. B. Walker,
" C. Wallace,
" A. Wigfall,
" A. Woodward,
" T. J. Young.

2d. That the following Clergymen are entitled to all the privileges of members of this house, with the exception of the right to vote on matters involving the temporal concerns of the Churches:

The Rev. P. T. Babbitt,
" T. C. Dupont,
" H. Elwell,
" A. W. Marshall,
" W. T. Potter,

The Rev. R. S. Seely,
" J. Swart,
" B. C. Webb,
" E. H. Downing,

3d. That the following Clergymen are entitled to seats, but not votes:

The Rev. F. P. Delavaux,
" A. Fowler,
" P. T. Gervais,
" R. Henry, D. D.
" T. S. Arthur,

The Rev. A. Gregg,
" W. H. Hanckel,
" J. M. Pringle,
" W. W. Spear.

4th. That the following Clergymen are entitled to neither seats nor votes :

The Rev. J. W. Chanler,	The Rev. C. C. Pinckney,
“ A. Gibbes,	“ N. P. Tillinghast,
“ J. Huntingdon, M. D.	“ P. Trapier,
“ M. H. Lance,	“ L. C. Johnson.
T. J. YOUNG, } P. SHAND, } S. ELLIOTT, } Committee.	

The Committee on the Lay Delegation reported that the following gentlemen were elected to represent their Parishes and Churches, respectively, viz :—

St. Philip's Charleston, Daniel Huger,* Benjamin D. Heriot,* Henry D. Lesesne,* and P. Gadsden Edwards, M. D.*

St. James' Santee.

St. Andrew's, N. R. Middleton,* George Haig, Jno. A. Ramsay,* and F. S. Holmes.*

St. Bartholomew's, T. M. Rhett, E. R. Lowndes' Dr. R. L. North, Col. C. E. Miller.

Christ Church, John Hamlin,* James S. Rhett.*

St. James' Goose Creek.

St. John's Berkley, John Harleston,* K. S. Ball*, F. A. Ford* Dr. S. W. Barker.

St. Thomas and St. Dennis.

St. Paul's, Stono.

St. Helena, Beaufort, Dr. B. B. Sams,* R. W. Barnwell.*

Prince George, Winyaw, J. Harleston Read.*

St. John's, John's Island, Wm. S. Whaley.*

Prince Frederick's, PeeDee,

Prince William's, F. G. Fraser,* G. C. Mackay.*

St. Michael's, Charleston, Dr. I. M. Campbell,* Dr. H. S. Waring,* Dr. J. P. Jervey,* and Thos. F. Capers.*

St. Mark's, Clarendon.

All-Saints, Waccamaw.

St. Luke's, Wm. Pope, senr., Capt. Thos. F. Drayton,* Jas. Pope, senr., Dr. J. Fickling.

Those marked with an asterick () were present.

St. Matthew's, C. R. Thomson,* C. F. Hampton, Thos. J. Starke, T. J. Goodwyn.

St. David's, Cheraw.

Church on Edisto Island, Dr. Edward Mitchell,* J. J. R. Westcoat,* Wm. Whaley.

Claremont Church, Stateburg.

St. Helena Church, St. Helena Island.

Pineville and Upper St. John's, Henry W. Ravenel,* Charles Sinkler,* Maham Palmer, T. W. Peyre.

St. Paul's, Radcliffeboro', T. G. Simons, senr., James Gregorie,* James Simons,* C. R. Brewster.*

Trinity Church, Columbia.

North Santee.

Grace Church, Sullivan's Island, J. L. Petigru,* Col. J. B. I'On.*

St. Paul's, Pendleton.

Christ Church, Greenville.

Grace Church, Camden.

St. James', James Island, John Rivers,* Dr. Robert Lebby.*

St. Peter's Charleston, C. G. Memminger,* Dr. Wm. Michel, C. A. Desaussure,* Edward Barnwell.

Trinity Church, Society Hill.

Christ Church, Wilton, Joseph Jenkins, Joseph W. Faber,* Wm. Brisbane, Lewis Morris.*

Holy Trinity, Grahamville, Dr. Thos. E. Screven, John H. Howard,* Wm. E. Martin,* J. E. M. Mitchell.*

Trinity Church, Edgefield.

St. John's Fairfield, Samuel Dubose, Senr.*

Trinity Church, Abbeville.

Messiah Church, North Santee, J. H. Ladson,* J. R. Pringle,* Andrew Johnston.*

St. Thaddæus Church, Aiken, Edward R. Laurens,* James Gadsden,* John F. Schmidt, Wm. H. Trescott.*

Emmanuel Church, Chester.

Zion Church, Richland, Hon. D. E. Huger,* Thos. B. Clarkson.*

Epiphany Church, Laurens.

Grace Church, Charleston, B. T. Rhett,* John Clarkson.*

The Bishop then declared the Convention duly organized.

The Rules of Order were read.

On motion of the Rev. J. S. Hanckel, the ballot for the election of a Secretary, was dispensed with, and the Rev. C. Wallace was unanimously re-elected. The Secretary then appointed the Rev. P. T. Keith his assistant.

St. Philip's Church, Bradford Springs, made a Canonical application to be received into union with this Convention, and was accordingly received.

The Bishop appointed as preacher for the first day of next Convention the Rev. A. H. Cornish, and as his substitute the Rev. Dr. Hanckel.

The Committee on Unfinished Business was appointed, consisting of the Rev. Mr. Leverett, Dr. H. S. Waring and A. Johnston, Esq.

The Committee on Finance was appointed, consisting of Messrs. J. R. Pringle, E. R. Laurens and Thos. F. Capers.

The Standing Committee reported as follows:—

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of South Carolina, respectfully report, that they have recommended to the Bishop, to be received as Candidates for Orders: Messrs. John D. McCullough, James H. Elliott, Lieut. Richard Shubrick Trapier, and Augustus Moore.

For Deacon's Orders, Messrs. Thomas S. Arthur, Alexander Gregg, Wm. H. Hanckel, James Maxwell Pringle, and Benjamin Johnson.

And for Priest's Orders, the following Deacons, viz: Rev. Richard S. Seely, Rev. John R. Fell, and Rev. Wm. O. Prentiss.

CH. HANCKEL, *President.*

The election of a Standing Committee was ordered and tellers appointed—Of the Clergy, the Rev. Messrs. Dupont, Shindler and McElheran. For the votes of the Laity, Messrs. John Clarkson, Thos. F. Drayton and N. R. Middleton.

These votes were directed to be taken by Orders.

While these votes were being counted, the election of Delegates to the General Convention was entered into.

Tellers were appointed—for the votes of the Clergy, the Rev. Messrs. Hyatt, Mellichamp and Glennie. For the votes of the Laity, Dr. Jersey and Messrs. Martin and Rivers.

The Tellers on the Standing Committee reported; and their report was re-committed for correction.

A question arising as to the interpretation of the ninth article of the Constitution, it was ruled that "*a majority*" there means "*a majority in each Order of the votes cast.*"

The Tellers on the Standing Committee reported the following gentlemen as elected, viz :

The Rev. C. Hanckel, D. D.
 " P. Trapier,
 " P. T. Gervais,
 " P. T. Keith,

Jas. H. Ladson,
 Dr. I. M. Campbell,
 H. D. Lesesne, and
 E. R. Laurens.

They also reported no choice in the case of one Clergyman and one Layman.

The vote was taken again for these two members of the Standing Committee, and it was again reported that there was no choice.

The vote was again taken.

The Tellers reported the following Delegates to the General Convention as elected, viz :—

The Rev. C. Hanckel, D. D.
 " T. J. Young, and
 J. H. Tucker, Esq.

They also reported that there was no election in the case of two of the Clerical and three of the Lay Delegates.

The votes were again taken, but the result was not reported before the adjournment.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. McElheran,

Resolved, That the next meeting of the Convention be held on the day named in the Constitution.

Mr. McElheran asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Babbit,

Resolved, That hereafter, in voting by ballot, the Secretary call the names of the Clergy and of the Churches in order, and the votes be brought forward and deposited with the Tellers as called for.

Before the Tellers had reported as to the third trial for an election of a Standing Committee, the Convention, after appropriate Collects read by the Bishop, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

—
Friday, February 5th, 1847.

The Convention met according to adjournment. Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. J. R. Fell. The Bishop preached a Sermon on Christian Education, after which a collection was made in behalf of the beneficiaries in our Diocesan School.

After Divine Service, the Convention was called to order and the names of Members absent yesterday were called. Certificates of Lay Delegates, as follows, were referred to the proper Committee, and approved:

St. James' Santee, Dr. P. P. Mazyck, Dr. A. E. Gadsden, Wm. Lucas, C. C. Pinckney, Sen.

Claremont Church, Stateburg, Dr. M. Reynolds.

St. John's Church, John's Island, S. P. Chisolm, Richard Laroche.

Trinity Church, Columbia, Wm. B. Wilson.

St. James' Goose Creek, Col. M. I. Keith.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Swart, the fourth section of the fourth Rule of Order was suspended, so as to receive the reports of the Tellers on the election of the Standing Committee and Delegates to the General Convention.

The Tellers again reported no election for the vacancies in the Standing Committee.

The votes were taken a fourth time.

The Tellers reported R. F. W. Allston, Esq., as elected by a concurrent vote of both Orders, as Delegates to the General Convention; and that there was no election in the case of two Clerical and two Lay Delegates.

The Report of the Committee on Clerical votes and seats were considered, and the Committee had leave to amend their report. They then reported the Rev. C. C. Pinckney as entitled to a seat, but not to a vote, in consequence of his being prevented from exercising the duties of the Ministry by infirmity. Their report was then adopted.

The Tellers reported the Rev. J. Stuart Hanckel and C. G. Memminger, Esq. to be elected, as members of the Standing Committee, by a concurrent majority of both Orders.

The vote was taken again for Delegates to the General Convention, and the Tellers reported the election by a concurrent vote of both Orders, of the Rev. P. Trapier, and that there was still no election in the case of one Clerical and two Lay Delegates.

The Committee on Finance reported as follows:

The Committee on Finance respectfully report, that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer for the Bishop's Convention Fund, and find the same correct and properly stated. The balance in the hands of the Treasurer is eight hundred and twenty-seven dollars sixty-five cents. The increase of the fund is five hundred dollars by donation and three hundred and twenty-seven dollars sixty-five cents by accruals of interest and dividends.

JAMES R. PRINGLE,
EDW. R. LAURENS,
THOS. FARR CAPERS, } Committee.

Dr.

BISHOP'S CONVENTION FUND.

1847.	To Incidental Expenses, - - - - -	\$43 29
	Balance in Treasurer's hands, - - - - -	827 65
		\$870 94
C.R.		
1847.	By Interest and Dividends collected, - - - - -	\$365 84
	Donations received, - - - - -	500 00
	Balance from 1846, - - - - -	5 10
		\$870 94

THOS. G. SIMONS, Jr. *Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct.

Signed,

JAMES R. PRINGLE,
EDWARD R. LAURENS.

The Committee on Finance respectfully report, that in compliance with the order of the Convention, (see resolution p. 26, Journal of 1846) they have had "the security now given by the Treasurer of the Bishop's Common and Permanent Funds made to include also the Convention's Fund for the increase of the Bishop's Permanent Fund."

JAMES R. PRINGLE, } Committee.
E. R. LAURENS, }

The Treasurer of the Episcopal Funds reported as follows :

The BOARD OF TRUSTEES of the Protestant Episcopal Society, for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina, having in Trust the Funds instituted by the Convention, under the names of the Bishop's Permanent and Common Funds, submit their Report:—

DR.	PERMANENT FUND.	CR.
1846 To Common Fund, for 3-4ths of \$1,118 10, Interest & Dividends received, - Incidental Expenses, - Bal. in Treasurer's hands	\$838 58 55 90 265 83 <hr/> \$1,160 31	1846 By Balance from last Acc't, Interest and Dividends collected, - - - <hr/> \$1,118 10 <hr/> \$1,160 31

DR.	COMMON FUND.	CR.
1846 To Balance due the Treasurer per last Account, - " Cash paid Bishop of the Diocese, four quarters salary to 1st October, - " Incidental Expenses, -	\$401 27 1,500 00 49 75 <hr/> \$1,951 02	1846 By Cash from the following Churches: Trinity, Grahamville, - \$15 00 Prince George, Winyaw, 50 00 St. Andrews, - - 10 00 St. John's, John's Island, 50 00 St. Helena, St. Helena Is. 10 00 St. Helena, Beaufort, 35 00 St. James', Jas. Isl. 1845, 5 00 Do. do. 1846, 5 00 Trinity, Columbia, - 30 00 Claremont, - - 20 00 St. Peter's, Charleston, 100 00 Grace Church, Camden, 10 00 Christ Church, Wilton, 15 00 Grace Ch., Sullivan' Isl. } for 1845, 5 00 Do. do. 1846, 5 00 Pineville, Upper St. John's } and Black Oak, } 10 00 Trinity Ch., Society Hill, 5 00 Pr. Frederick's, Pee Dee, 5 00 St. David's, Cheraw, 10 00 St. John's, Berkley, 50 00 St. Philip's, Charleston, 250 00 St. Michael's, Charleston, 300 00 Total from Churches, \$995 00 By Permanent Fund, for } 3-4ths of income rec'd, } Bal. due the Treasurer, 117 44 <hr/> \$1,951 02

THOMAS G. SIMONS, Jr., *Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct,

(Signed)

PAUL T. GERVAIS.

N. R. MIDDLETON.

The Committee on unfinished business reported as follows :

The Committee on unfinished business respectfully report, that they have examined the Journal for 1846, and find

1st. That a resolution requesting the Bishop to ordain Deacons under the 6th Canon of the General Convention of 1843, was laid upon the table. (See page 21.)

2d. That a proposed amendment of the third Article of the Constitution was recommended to this Convention. (See page 22.)

In behalf of the Committee,

CHARLES E. LEVERETT, *Chairman.*

A vote was again taken for Delegates to the General Convention, and the Tellers reported the election of C. G. Memminger, Esq. and Dr. Benjamin Huger, by a concurrent majority of both Orders; and that there was still no election in the case of one Clerical Delegate.

The Convention proceeded to vote in order to supply the vacancy.

The Conventional School Committee reported as follows :

The Committee on the Diocesan School beg leave to report, that they have, as before, endeavored faithfully to discharge the important trust committed to their charge by this Convention—a charge, the importance of which has not at all, in their estimation, diminished since this enterprise was commenced by your body. On the contrary, they see now more clearly than ever, its beneficial effects, not only directly, but indirectly. Directly and immediately they believe it to have deepened the growth in many young minds of sound moral and religious principles, of attachment to the Church, and of practical piety, while it has also carried the pupils satisfactorily forward in a course of secular education. Indirectly they think its influence valuable, in that it discourages the employment of teachers, who may be irreligious, or, as in many cases formerly, even infidel and profane; and that it has stimulated many other teachers in the city to the daily reading of the scriptures and prayer in the School—a practice from which the happiest results may be hoped.

The Committee have to regret the retirement, soon after the last Convention, of one of the most highly regarded of their number. E. R. Laurens, Esq. was elected to fill the vacancy, according to a clause in the 3d of the fundamental rules of the School. (See Journal of 1842, p. 34.)

The number of pupils has not greatly varied during the year. Several have left to take places in counting houses, but about the same number have entered to fill their places. The Committee believe that no one has left from dissatisfaction. The present number is 43. The assistant teachers employed last year have left, and entered into other situations, but their places have been supplied by others, natives of this city, who are devoting themselves assiduously to the work.

A large room in the basement story of the house in which the School is held, has been suitably fitted up for a Chapel, in which Divine Service is held on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday evenings; by the Prin-

cipal on Sunday and Friday evenings ; by the Bishop when in town statedly on alternate Wednesday evenings ; and by other Clergy occasionally. The attendance has been encouraging.

On the whole, the Committee think there is no cause for discouragement, but much reason for thankfulness to Almighty God for the prosperity and usefulness already bestowed on the School. Yet, as the tuition is put low, they think it but reasonable that some aid should be given by the Church towards the payment of the rent and the support of indigent lads, who are beneficiaries in the School, they therefore offer the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That the Male Conventional School be commended to the continued prayers, good will and patronage of the members of the Church.

2. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to those who are able, to contribute towards the rent of the School house, and the support of the beneficiaries.

3. *Resolved*, That whoever shall give funds for the permanent endowment of this School, or a Female School, or both, will be entitled to the gratitude of the Church.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Signed in behalf of the Committee,

C. E. GADSDEN.

The resolutions were adopted.

The Trustees of the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergymen, reported as follows :

For the Relief of aged and infirm Clergymen, in account current with Jas. R. PRINGLE, Treasurer.

Charleston, February 5th 1847.

Balance in Treasurer's hands \$179 52.

JAMES R. PRINGLE, *Treasurer.*

The Tellers reported the Rev. J. R. Walker to be elected as Delegate to the General Convention, by a concurrent majority of both Orders.

On motion of the Rev. J. S. Hanckel,

Resolved, That the election of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary be made *viva voce*. The same gentlemen nominated for re-election the present Trustees.

Objections being made, the mode of election was re-considered, and after the nomination of other gentlemen as Trustees, the vote was taken by ballot and by orders.

Tellers were appointed—for the Clerical votes, the Rev. Messrs. Swart, J. S. Hanckel, and Gregg; for the Lay votes, Messrs. Holmes, R. Lebby, M. D. and T. B. Clarkson.

Mr. Westcoat and Dr. Reynolds had leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

After Prayers by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Saturday, February 6th, 1847.

The Convention met according to adjournment. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Prentiss. A Sermon was preached by the Rev. P. Gadsden.

A certificate of Lay Delegation was presented from All-Saints, Waccamaw, Wm. A. Alston, F. M. Weston, J. H. Tucker, and P. C. J. Weston, Esq., were reported as elected. Mr. P. C. J. Weston took his seat.

On motion of Mr. Middleton,

Resolved, To amend the first Rule of Order, by striking out of the latter clause the words "*and a sermon*," so that there should be no Sermon except on the first day of the session.

The same gentleman moved that the Convention meet hereafter at 9 o'clock instead of 10, but the motion was lost.

The Rev. Mr. Young moved the following as a new Canon :

CANON IV.

A list to be made of the Clergymen in this Diocese.

SEC. 1. Within one week before the meeting of every Convention of this Diocese, the Bishop, or if no Bishop, the Standing Committee shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, a list of all the Ministers of the

Protestant Episcopal Church, canonically resident in this Diocese, annexing the names of their respective cures or parishes, or of their stations as missionaries or chaplains, or of the colleges, academies or other seminaries of learning, incorporated, in which they are engaged, or in regard to those who are not engaged in parishes, missions, or institutions of learning as above, their places of residence only. And such list shall be laid before the Convention immediately after it shall have been called to order on the first day of meeting, and the names of the clerical members called therefrom. Such list shall then be referred to a Committee of three Clergymen appointed by the chair, who shall forthwith consider and report who of the Clergymen on said list are entitled to all the privileges of members of the Convention, who are entitled to said privileges with the exception of the right to vote on matters pertaining to the temporal affairs of the Churches, who are entitled to seats but not to votes, and who are not entitled either to seats or votes. Such list thus reported and approved of by the Convention, shall be appended to the Journal, and shall be transmitted to the Secretary of every General Convention.

SEC. 2. No Clergyman, while suspended from the Ministry, shall have a place on said list.

SEC. 3. The right of any Clergyman of this Diocese to a seat in the Convention, shall, if disputed, be determined, according to the provisions of the Constitution, by the Convention itself; whether his name be inserted in the list aforesaid, or omitted.

SEC. 4. The Bishop shall take such measures for notifying the admission of Ministers into this Diocese, as may prevent unwary and ignorant people from being imposed upon by persons pretending to be authorized ministers of this Church. And his certificate shall be evidence of such admission.

Mr. Laurens moved to refer this Canon to a Committee of three, but the motion was lost.

On motion of the Rev. J. H. Cornish,

Resolved, To commit the whole of the proposed Canon to a Committee of three Clergymen and two Laymen, to report at the next Convention.

The Committee appointed on the above proposed Canon, are the Rev. Dr. Hanckel, and the Rev. Messrs. J. H. Cornish and Young, and F. A. Ford and E. R. Laurens, Esqrs.

The Tellers reported the following gentlemen as chosen for nomination to the General Convention, as Trustees of the General Theological Seminary:

The Rev. Paul Trapier,	N. R. Middleton,
“ T. J. Young,	R. W. Barnwell,
“ Ch. Hanckel, D. D.	C. G. Memminger,
“ J. R. Walker,	E. R. Laurens.
“ A. L. Converse,	
“ A. Glennie,	

They also reported no election in the case of three Trustees. The votes were again taken.

Mr. Lesesne offered the following Resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That the religious instruction of our slave population is a duty which demands our zealous exertions, and that the subject merits the special attention and care of this body.

2. That a Committee of six Laymen be elected by the Convention ; to continue in Office four years and until a new election be had ; who shall have in charge to make all necessary arrangements for establishing, and keeping up a Congregation of black and colored persons within the City of Charleston, and the suburbs, and for meeting the expenses incident thereto.

3. That the Minister for such Congregation be appointed by the Bishop of this Diocese for the time being, subject to the approval and confirmation of the said Committee or a majority of the same, and in accordance with the Canons of the General and Diocesan Conventions that may be applicable to the case. And that said Committee shall have the power to supply any vacancies which may occur in their body during their term of office. It being understood that the Convention does not come under any pecuniary responsibility in this matter, but only gives the aid of its countenance to the work.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Young, the Rev. Mr. Trapier was invited to present his views on this subject.

The consideration of the Resolution of Mr. Lesesne was then suspended to receive the report of the Tellers on the election of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary. The Tellers reported no election, from a want of concurrence of both Orders. The vote was again taken for three Trustees.

The consideration of Mr. Lesesne's Resolutions was then resumed and the 1st Resolution passed. The second Resolution was taken up and amended. While this Resolution was under consideration, the Bishop commenced reading his Address, as follows:

Brethren of the Clergy and Laity :—

In obedience to the Canon,* there is presented to you this "statement."

These churches were visited canonically :—St. Philip's; St. Bartholomew's; St. Paul's, Stono; St. Peter's, Charleston; Christ Church, Wilton; Prince William's; St. Luke's; Grahamville; St. Helena's on the Island; St. Helena's Beaufort; James Island; Grace Church, Sullivan's Island; Edisto; John's Island; Wilton; St. Paul's Radcliffeboro'; Pineville; Upper St. John's, and St. Michael's.

These churches and places were visited informally :—St. Paul's, Stono; St. Andrew's; Aiken, 6 times; St. Michael's, twice; St. James, Goosecreek; St. John's, Berkely; Society Hill; Bennettsville; Cheraw; Camden; Columbia, twice; Summerville, 4 times; Christ Church, 5 times; St. Matthew's; St. John's, Hampstead, 3 times; St. Paul's, Radcliffebor'o; The Chapel of the School 6 times; St. Stephen's Chapel, Charleston, once, and for the Missionary Lecture, 3

*Canon VIIIth of 1841, Section 2.

times. Several particulars on these visitations can be read in the paper of the Diocese ("the *Gospel Messenger*") where they were published usually every third month.

The number of persons confirmed on 28 occasions, was: Of St. John's, Hampstead, 6; St. Peter's, 19; St. Michael's, 34; Prince William's, 29; St. Luke's, 1; Grahamville, 4; St. Philip's, 26; St. Stephen's, 2; St. John's Berkely, 77; Barnwell District, 1; Society Hill, 5; Beaufort, 11; Christ Church, 3; St. Matthew's, 5; James' Island, 3; Sullivan's Island, 3; Edisto, 4; St. John's Colleton, 10; Columbia, 1; St. Paul's Radcliffeboro', 24; Wilton, 5; Pineville, 5; Upper St. John's, 10.—Total 288.

"The names of those received as Candidates for holy Orders" are John D. McCullough, James H. Elliott, Augustus Moore, and Richard S. Trapier, (the latter has been transferred to the Diocese of Pennsylvania.) The whole number of candidates is 13, viz: the three above named, and those named in former addresses, viz:—I. G. Drayton, B. Johnson, C. P. Gadsden, G. L. Platt, J. B. Seabrook, W. B. W. Howe, E. C. Logan, J. W. Simmons, C. T. Bland, J. F. Lee, Jr., J. F. Lee is now at our "Theological Seminary" C. T. Bland is at the Institution Valle Crucis, North-Carolina; the others are studying in private, conformably to Canon X, under the direction of the Bishop.

"The names of those ordained" are, as Deacons, W. O. Prentiss, T. S. Arthur, A. Gregg, W. H. Hanckel, I. M. Pringle. And as Priests, Rev. R. S. Seely, Rev. J. R. Fell.

The Rev. Alfred E. Ford, Presbyter, has been suspended "from the exercise of any one, and all the functions of the Holy Ministry" until such time as satisfactory evidence is afforded the "Ecclesiastical authority" of his repentance for "inculcating heretical doctrine," and that he has retracted the same. This act of discipline was under Canon III, Section 9th, of the Diocese of South-Carolina.

The Rev. C. E. Leverett is officiating as the Rector of Prince William's Parish; the Rev. Stephen Elliott is officiating as the Assistant Minister of the same Parish; the Rev. J. H. Cornish, is officiating as Rector of St. Thaddæus Church, Aiken; the Rev. N. Hyatt is officiating as Rector of St. James' Parish, Santee; the Rev. R. D. Shindler is officiating as Rector of St. Matthew's Parish; the Rev. J. R. Fell has resigned the charge of Prince Frederick's Parish, and has been invited to the Rectorship of Christ Church Parish; the Rev. W. H. Hanckel, *deacon*, at Edisto Island; the Rev. T. S. Arthur, *deacon*, at Greenville; the Rev. A. Gregg, *deacon*, at Cheraw; the Rev. J. M. Pringle, *deacon*, at Wateree; the Rev. W. O. Prentiss, *deacon*, at St. Bartholomew's; are officiating at the places named, with my consent as required by Canon XVIIth. The Rev. C. Page having removed to the Diocese of Maryland, his letter of dismission has been "accepted" by the Bishop; the Rev. F. P. Lee has removed to the Diocese of Alabama, but I have not yet heard whether his "letter of dismission" from this Diocese has been "accepted" by the Bishop of Alabama. The Rev. T. F. Davis is now officiating at Camden, but his letter of dismission from North-Carolina has not yet been received.

There have been examinations for Priest's Orders, 3; and for Deacon's Orders, 15, conducted by the Bishop and Presbyters; and

two examinations of candidates by Presbyters alone ; making the whole number of examinations 20.

Two Churches were consecrated Christ's Chapel, in Prince William's Parish, on the 1st Sunday after Easter (April 19th.) In the "Sentence of Consecration,"* it was stated, that this Chapel to the Church of the Parish was provided, with the consent of the proper authorities, at the sole expense of the Assistant Minister (Rev. S. Elliott) and that though "for the special benefit of the colored population," it was "in general" for all persons who have, or may have their residence in the said Parish." I was thus particular, inasmuch as the expediency may be questioned of having a Church for the exclusive use of only one class of persons ; of separating the "castes" in public worship and instruction, and of departing from that interesting feature of the true religion, in all its dispensations, namely, that "the rich and the poor" in the house of God "meet together," for he is the Maker and Redeemer of them all, and the Sanctifier of the true believer, without respect of color, or station, or condition. This is not a new subject. In some of the Dioceses (and one of them has been recently embarrassed thereby) separate churches for the class of colored persons have been provided. In our Diocese the master and the servant, the descendants whether of Shem, or Ham, or Japheth, have been encouraged to unite in public worship and receiving Christian instruction. The instruction provided by the Church is adapted to "all sorts and conditions of men," and the Sermon, or Lecture, may be easily so accommodated. The particular teaching which the uneducated need, may be imparted by the catechizing "openly in the Church," or in the Sunday School, or in the private dwelling. The public prayer and the Sermon (so it seems to me) need not be such as is applicable exclusively to the ignorant. Our liturgy suits equally the most and the least intelligent—the well informed, and the uninformed, and the Sermon can be made equally comprehensive. The experiment to separate the rich and the poor whites has not been successful, and therefore for what were called churches for the poor, have been substituted what are technically called free churches, such as are open to all human creatures. "Mine house, (saith the Lord), shall be called a house of prayer for all people."†

On the "feast of the Circumcision," 1847, "Trinity Church" near Black Oak in the upper part of the Parish of St. John's Berkley, was consecrated. The Rector, Wm. Dehon ; the Rev. Paul Trapier ; and the Rev. C. Wallace assisted in the services. "The Sentence of Consecration" and other particulars on this occasion will be published as usual in "The Charleston Gospel Messenger."

On thirteen occasions various services were held for the class of servants, some white persons being present, namely, in St. Andrew's Parish, at the plantation of Mr. N. R. Middleton, and at the seat of Mrs. C. Faber, in St. Paul's Parish, Stono ; at the plantation of Col. R. Boyle, in Prince William's Parish, at the plantations of the Rev. S. Elliott, and the Rev. W. Potter, and Mr. Micah Jenkins, twice ; on two occasions in St. Luke's Parish, at the plantation of Mrs. John Hey-

* See Gospel Messenger, May 1846.

† Isaiah 56 chap. 7 verse.

ward, and at Grahamville, in a large room; in St. John's Berkley at the Chapel; in Christ Church, at the plantation of Mr. John Hamlin, twice; and in "Upper St. John's Parish Berkley," at the plantation of Mr. Samuel Dubose.

The School, founded by this Convention, has been visited on all the Fridays, excepting only a few, when I was absent from the city on visitations, or more specially engaged. At the meetings of the Committee four quarterly and two extra, I was present. At the semi-annual examinations (in June and December) I was present, and then, as at my visits, weekly, continued to be convinced, that the Rector was sparing neither time nor effort for the improvement in knowledge and virtue, of the pupils with the care of whom the Church has entrusted him. Besides the regular school hours, some of them were frequently at his house to be assisted in their lessons; and to hasten their progress as was desired by their parents that they might be prepared for admission into College. To satisfy the Convention more and more, that this work of their's is indeed a good work, and entitled to a greater measure of patronage than it has yet received, I bear a willing testimony to the judicious, feeling, and it seemed to me efficacious counsel, warning and reproof, which I have heard addressed to the School, when made necessary or expedient by any occurrence. The profound silence, the marked attention, and the conduct following were creditable to all concerned, and evidenced that the Committee had, in their choice of the Rector, reason to be thankful to an overruling providence, and to be encouraged in prosecuting their undertaking. At the late examination, eleven classes were before us, and the subjects, were Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, English Grammar, Geography, Latin, Greek, the higher Mathematics, History &c. The religious instruction, which is given daily, and specially on Friday (when the Bishop is usually present) is in the Bible, the Catechism, and the Prayer-book, generally, in the Companion to the Prayer-book, by Bishop Hobart; and the Fasts and Festivals by Nelson. The School is opened and closed each day with prayer. I have been thus particular, to invite attention to our School, in the hope that the members of the Church will not deny their children the advantages of it; not only those in the city, but those out of it, for the spacious dwelling of the Principal, enables him to accommodate several boarders, and should they be very many, (which we hope they will be) additional accommodation can readily be provided. Why is it that a School, originating in such pure motives, founded by the Convention, conducted so well, promising so much to the community and the Church, as the promoter by the lessons it inculcates, and the habits it forms, of orthodox and practical christianity, as the nursery for well informed and zealous Christian men, lay and clerical, should not be more encouraged by increase of pupils, and by benefactions, which will enable it, to educate gratuitously, or at low charges, the orphans and the poor of our Communion; I repeat, why is it, that a School capable of such important results, and having effected all that could reasonably have been expected, considering its very small resources, is not crowded with Scholars and is not, in some degree, *endowed?* We ask for no large endowment, useful though it would be, but only for such contributions, as will enable us to say to the father-

less, and the destitute : The Church School is not shut to you. Pious parents, guardians of the orphan, who cannot pay: Your favored brethren will pay for you. They will provide for the mental and moral health and growth of your little ones. And ye who can pay. Give the School a fair trial. It will be a blessing to you, and to your children.

The advancement of our work, and the most interesting event in its history, for the year, is the fitting up a Temporary Chapel, in which devotions for the School are held, and on Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays there is divine Service, and generally a Sermon or Lecture for the benefit, more especially, of those who reside at the School, and to which the neighbours and others are welcomed. It was opened with "Evening Prayer" by the Rector, and with special devotions, and an address by the Bishop on the 14th of October. But it is too small, and we cannot dismiss the hope that an enlightened and generous charity will enable us to erect a proper Chapel (sufficiently large to accommodate with free seats the youth, at Boarding-schools male and female, and at Colleges in our city;) in which the Sermons and Lectures might be more especially applicable to the rising generation. My Brethren, the opinion is held by me, in common with my predecessors (all three of them) that the education of the young is an all important interest in the *Church*. It ought not to be left to the State, the civil authority; indeed, it can among us provide only for *secular* education. It ought not to be left to individuals, who may, and yet who may not conduct it properly. The *Church*, and such is the decision of this Convention, ought to look to it. And how? As the state, as the city, looks to it, by using all its influence to attract the young to its schools; and by endowing them, at least to such an amount as will educate the *destitute* and I add maintain them also, without charge, and educate those in moderate circumstances, at a reduced price. Let these things be done, and your School would be filled to overflowing, and under that blessing without which "nothing is strong, nothing is holy," intellectual, moral, and religious education, which ought never to be divorced, would be advanced, in a degree that would surprise the community, and make glad the city of our God. If this School should flourish as it might, as it ought, as it will, if prayer, and influence and charity be not wanting, the founders, this Convention, would have lived not in vain; and the blessing of the old and the young would rest on their memories for ever. Excuse me, if I have taxed your patience on this topic, but "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." However large the number that may use the School of the Diocese, there will still remain many who cannot avail themselves of it, or of the Parochial Schools of which I know of two in our Diocese, (I hope there are more and will be many more) *that* connected with Trinity Church, Columbia, and *that* with St. Stephen's Chapel, Charleston. But it is believed, there are several private Schools (we know at least one,) which desire religious instruction from our Clergy. To *them* therefore I would say, adopting the language of the Bishop of Rippon :* "Give a higher tone to the Scriptural teaching in them: "Communicate much of it in a catechetical form. It is with the young

"that our chief hope must be for the moral regeneration of our country, and if every Clergyman would set aside certain hours in the week "for the personal instruction of the little ones of his flock, as religiously "as he does for visiting the sick, and the aged, he would take the most "effectual means for advancing the kingdom of God in his Parish. "When, indeed; all our School Masters are not only intelligent, and "well instructed teachers, but also truly men of God, then, perhaps "may the minister, with greater safety, dispense with this branch of his "pastoral functions in the instruction of his daily School! Till then, "the Church will look to her Clergy to be patient, and pains-taking "Catechists, and with such examples before us as Hammond and Hall "and Bull and Herbert, all eminent in this department of the clergy—"man's duty, none among us need deem the task too humble."

"The Protestant Episcopal Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina," at its annual meeting, and at the meetings of its Board of Trustees, four quarterly, and three extra. I was present.

"The Charleston, Protestant Episcopal Female Domestic Missionary Society," at the two meetings held during the year of the "Executive Committee" I was present.

The "Episcopal Female Bible, Prayer-book and Tract Society," at its annual meeting I presided, and the Tracts submitted by its Board of Managers have been examined by me, and most of them sanctioned. By my recommendation, they have published a "Manual of Family Prayers selected from the prayers of the Church by the Bishop of London?"

The Anniversary of the "Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans" of our Clergy was commemorated, in the ancient manner, by many of the members, Lay and Clerical, and I was present.

The Board of Trustees, appointed by the Convention, for the Relief of aged and infirm Clergymen transacted their business, in which I took a part, without the formality of a meeting. I regret to have to remark, that comparatively few of the churches had the collection recommended by the Convention for this affecting charity. The Treasurer will report the names of those churches which had it. Two "Pastoral letters" have been prepared and circulated, by me, one setting forth and urging briefly the claims of the School founded by this Convention, on the favor and patronage of the Members of our Church in this Diocese, and the other in behalf of Missions *within the Diocese*, which were not sufficiently sustained and advanced, and one of which had been relinquished. It has been responded to, in some degree, but the amount transmitted to me is small, and the resources of our Missionary Society are so diminished, that we can do little more than keep up the present Missionary Stations; whereas there ought to be many more, at least one in each of the twenty-nine districts of our State. I submit, can it reasonably be expected, that we should suffer the Missions in our own city, and State, to languish and die, while our resources are expended on Missions in other States, and in foreign lands? It is an object of the periodical paper of the Diocese, the monthly "Gospel Messenger" to plead for Missions *in our own State*.

In superintending this publication, some of my time has been occupied, and as such a work seems to be made *necessary* by one of our

Canons (the 48th, Section 2) and certainly would be useful if it were more generally written for by our Clergy, and read by our Laity, I ask for it the patronage of the members of the Convention and of the Diocese at large. It has appeared to me rather unaccountable that there should be less desire to know the proceedings of the authorities and Societies in our own Diocese, than to have the news which relates to the Church in other Dioceses, and in foreign parts. On this point, I have pleasure in quoting the remarks of one of our Bishops, substituting the word South-Carolina for Maryland. "Very many have expressed a deep interest in the establishment of a convenient and effectual instrument for circulating intelligence throughout our parishes and congregations, and keeping up a constant intercourse of all with a common centre. As such an instrument, no paper published out of the Diocese could ever be regarded, however excellent in other respects. Churchmen in South-Carolina asked for an organ of their own, in which, with a sufficiency of information concerning the Church elsewhere, the plans and doings, the wants and prospects, the changes and progress, of the Church in South-Carolina should always occupy a foremost place, and receive a full measure of attention."

For Missions in South-Carolina, of the 48 Congregations 14 have contributed, namely: Stateburgh, \$14; Edgefield, \$5; St. Paul's, Radcliffeboro', \$11,50 cts.; St. Stephen's Chapel, \$2, on the occasion of the Missionary Lecture; Georgetown, \$5; St. Helena, \$22,50 cts.; Waccamaw, \$15; St. John's Berkley, \$2; Columbia, \$20; St. Philip's, \$165,06 cts.; Aiken, \$61; Pineville, \$58; John's Island, \$44; Camden, \$15,25 cts; and two individuals, Mr. J. F. Edwards, \$5; Rev. Mr. Lance, \$20.—Total, \$462,31 $\frac{1}{4}$ cents.

With this amount, and a balance from former years, Missions have been assisted, as follows, at St. Stephen's and St. John's Chapel, Charleston, \$50; at Newberry, \$30; at Laurens, \$90; at Abbeville, \$50; at York and Chester, \$100; Christ Church, Parish, \$175; St. James', Goosecreek, \$70; *Aiken, for R. R. Ticket, \$45.—Total, for 8 Missions, \$600.

The expenditures incident to the Episcopal office during the year, amounted to \$1,501.† The account setting forth the items is placed on the table for inspection. The distance of the journeys, for visitations was 3409 miles. (The number of letters received by me, of which required replies) was 352.

In the Canon (the VIIIth of 1841) under which this address is delivered, the Bishop is required to state "in general, all matters tending to throw light on the affairs of the Diocese." There remains a matter, to which your attention must be invited, and it may be least unacceptable in the form of interrogatory. Do the Clergy of this Diocese, without any exception, in their Sermons or Lectures and catechetical teaching, and in their pastoral visits, vindicate and recommend the distinctive principles, and usages, of our venerable Church? We have principles which distinguish us from many "who profess and call themselves Christians." We have ceremonies, by which, as plainly, perhaps more impressively, than by words, those principles are inculcated.

* Aiken contributed \$61 for Missions.

† The Salary is \$1500.

Our views of truth and duty, and our method of teaching them need not be enforced in the polemic, or controversial form. We need not arraign the views, and customs of other Christians. But it is the duty of the Church-man; the Clerical-man, and the Lay-man, each in his proper sphere to maintain the doctrine, the worship and the discipline "as this Church hath received the same" not impeaching others, but defending and asserting our own principles mildly yet firmly, and zealously, and constantly. Again, let me ask, our children in the parental, the pastoral, the Sunday, the daily School, are they taught, first of all, "so soon as they are able to learn—what a solemn vow, promise, and profession" they have made, at their baptism, and then "sufficiently instructed in the other parts of the Church Catechism?" Are, or are not the Catechism of the Church, and the excellent explanations of it (two of them prepared and published in our own Diocese in 1825 and 1837) adapted to all grades of intellect, less valued, less used than books by Non-Episcopalians, or if by Episcopalians, published in an altered form, in which our distinctive principles and practices are kept out of sight, if they are not disparaged or controverted, directly or indirectly? In the Library at home, or at the Sunday School, is there no series of books, or single book, in which "the doctrine of Christ, as our Church hath received the same," is studiously passed over, if it be not objected to? When we are seeking books for our children, whether for use in teaching them, or simply for their reading, ought we not to (but do we?) prefer those prepared by ministers and members of our own Communion, and specially above all by the authority of the Church? There is no room for question, that "the Catechism" and the "Prayer-book" have the sanction of the Church. Are they used understandingly and faithfully by the parent, the pastor, the sponsor, the catechist, the Sunday School, and the Daily School teacher? Our beloved Church will not continue "stable and strong" unless the rising generation are taught, and trained in her principles; for example,—that the redemption is for "all mankind"—that the salvation by Christ is conditional*—that there is "one Catholic and Apostolic Church"—that there is "one baptism for the remission of sins,"—that there are "three orders of Ministers in Christ's Church"—that the Sacraments are means "whereby we receive" grace—that the Rite of Confirmation is also "a means of grace;" and finally, that the love of God; the love of man; and true self-love are one and indivisible. May we all, under the grace of God, perceive what things we ought to do, and have power, faithfully to fulfil the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord."—Amen.

The Tellers reported the Rev. Wm. H. Barnwell and R. F. W. Allston, Esq., to be selected for nomination to the General Convention, as Trustees of the General Theological Seminary. They also reported, that there was still one vacancy, Dr. Benj. Huger wanting but one vote of being elected. Whereupon on motion of Mr. Memminger, Dr. Huger was elected—*viva voce*.

* See Article XI, and "the Homily of Justification" called in the Book of Homilies, "a Sermon of the Salvation of Mankind." We quote from it: "Infants *being baptized* and dying in their infancy, are by this sacrifice, washed from their sins, &c., "And they, which in act or deed, do sin after their baptism, *when they turn again to God unfeignedly*, they are likewise washed by this sacrifice from their sins" &c.

The consideration of the second of Mr. Lesesne's Resolutions was then resumed.

Mr. Trescott moved to refer the Resolutions to a Committee of five to report at the next Convention; but the motion was lost.

It was moved to strike out the word "*elected*" and insert the word "*appointed*."

After Prayers by the Bishop, adjourned to 10 o'clock, Monday morning.

Monday, February 8th, 1847.

The Convention met according to adjournment. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. A. H. Cornish. After Divine Service the Convention was called to order, and the minutes of Saturday read and amended. The names of Members absent on preceding days were called.

Mr. James Simons, Delegate from St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeboro, appeared and took his seat.

Mr. Lesesne's Resolutions, offered on Saturday, were taken up for consideration.

Various amendments were offered to the second Resolution, and discussed at length, when, on motion of Mr. Martin, it was

Resolved, To strike out the words "*That a Committee of six Laymen be elected by the Convention,*" and insert "*That H. D. Lesesne, N. R. Middleton, William Jersey, Edward Lowndes, Thomas M. Hanckel, and Geo. M. Coffin be appointed a Committee by this Convention, to continue in office, &c.*"

During the above discussion the Bishop had resigned the Chair to the Rev. Mr. Gervais, and retired. Subsequently the following letter was received from the Bishop:

To the President pro. tem. and Members of the Convention:

GENTLEMEN—There being no business before you, or likely to be before you, which makes my presence necessary, I respectfully ask "leave of absence" for the remainder of the session.

Very respectfully,

C. E. GADSDEN.

Monday, Feb. 8th, 1847.

The Bishop accordingly had leave of absence, and the Rev. Mr. Gervais was elected President.

The second of Mr. Lesesne's Resolutions was then adopted, as amended.

The third Resolution was indefinitely postponed, by a majority of both Orders.

On motion of Mr. Lesesne, the following was adopted as a supplementary Resolution.

Resolved, That the said Committee have power to supply any vacancy that may occur in their body during their term of office.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Sexton of St. Michael's Church be paid the usual sum for his attendance on the Convention.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention be returned to the Organist of St. Michael's Church for her acceptable services.

After prayers by the President *pro. tempore*, the Convention adjourned.

C. E. GADSDEN, *President.*

Attest,

C. WALLACE, *Secretary.*

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Arranged according to the Order of the List of Parishes prefixed to this Journal.

St. Philip's Church, Charleston.

Rt. Rev. C. E. Gadsden, Rector.

The Rev. J. Barnwell Campbell, Assistant Minister.

Baptisms—20 white children; 27 colored; total, 47. Marriages, 11 white; 5 colored; total, 16. Burials, 27 white; 9 colored; total, 36. Communicants, 298 white; about 140 colored; total, 438. Non Communicants, 280 white; colored, not known; total, 280. Children under 14, 223 white; colored, not known. Families, 171. Families belonging also to other Congregations, not known. Children catechised on thirty-two days, about 80 white; 20 colored; total 100. Confirmed by the Bishop, 16 white; 5 colored; total, 21. Number of Teachers, 14 white; 13 colored; total 27. Number of Scholars, 90 white; 86 colored; total, 176. Public worship, St. Philip's Church; number of Sundays, 52; number of other days 126; whole number of times 233.

REMARKS.—*Catechising "openly in the Church."*—It was for the children, on all the Sundays and Fridays in Advent and in Lent, and six more in the summer; also for a class of grown persons, on the Bible and Prayer-book, twice a month, after "morning prayer."

Sunday Schools.—The chief Teachers are the Rector and Assistant Minister, who attend them alternately every Sunday.

Holy Communion.—It was administered on the five festivals, for which there are "proper prefaces," also on the first Sunday in the month, and on Ordination occasions, in all 18 times in public and 5 in private.

Charity.—The aims at Holy Communion, including a lady's thank offering, amounted to \$681 73; less by about \$80, we regret to have to report, than it was last year.

The Collections for Missions, Diocesan, Domestic and Foreign, amounted to \$1058, of which a small portion was collected in the Sunday Schools; special collections were had for the poor in the upper Districts of the State \$79; for Mission to the Jews \$44; for "Advancement Society" \$67; for the aged and infirm clergy \$99; total, \$289. This flock contributes more or less to the support of the Missionary at Constantinople, and to other Missions through various channels, also to the three general institutions of the Church, and to eight in the Diocese, viz: St. Philip's Sunday School; the Gregory Society; the Widows and Orphan's Society; the aged and infirm Clergy Association; the "Advancement Society;" the Female Missionary Society; the Bible, Prayer-book and Tract Society; and the "Gospel Messenger." The quota for the Episcopal office is regularly paid.

Week day Services.—They were on all the “holy days,” also on Mondays and Fridays, by an arrangement to secure “daily service” in one of our Churches in or near Charleston.

St. James' Parish, Santee.

The Rev. Nathaniel Hyatt, Rector.

Baptisms—1 colored adult; 25 colored children; total, 26. Burials 2 white. Commnicians, 17 white; 71 colored; total, 88. Non-Communicants, 47 white. Children under 14, 27 white. Families, 21 white. Colored children catechised, 150. Public worship, St. James' Church, 23 Sundays; 1 other day; total, 24. On plantations, with congregations of negroes, 26 times.

REMARKS.—The prospects of the Parish continue to be encouraging. The Rector having as yet no permanent residence, has not been able to perform as much parochial duty as the Parish requires.

St. Andrew's Parish.

The Rev. J. S. Hanckel, Rector.

Baptisms—6 colored adults; children, 1 white; total 7. Marriages, 1 colored. Burials, 1 colored. Communicants, 27 white; 24 colored; total, 51. Non-Communicants, 26 white. Children under 14, 55. Families, 23. Families belonging also to other Congregations, all. Public worship, St. Andrew's.

REMARKS.—Service in the Parish Church every Lord's day, from the middle of November to the middle of May, and on two other days. The negroes instructed at the Church and on the plantations as usual. In this work, the Rector is efficiently aided by several laymen, planters in the Parish.

St. James' Church, Goose Creek.

Rev. P. Gadsden, Visitor.

By request of the Bishop, I visited this Church on 2d Sunday in November, 1845, and have continued to do so to the present date, December, 1846; in all, having made fifteen visits, saying prayers and preaching on every occasion of collecting a congregation, whether of whites or blacks. The congregation has varied considerably, on one occasion there were present eighty persons, whites and blacks included; on other occasions, the congregation varied in numbers, as follows: 24, 32, 35, 37, 60.

Administered the Lord's Supper once on Easter Sunday, when 15 whites and 15 blacks participated. Baptised one white infant. Catechised the blacks twice. On the whole, I think I have met with more encouragement than could be looked for in a parish which had long been in a measure deserted, and her temple, for a time, abandoned to the moles and the bats. At present, her temple is at it were, raised from the dust, and has put on again her “beautiful garments.” With much cost and much taste, it is made to resemble once more its former chaste and beautiful model of a country Church.

St. John's, Berkley.

The Rev. Cranmore Wallace, Rector.

Baptisms—8 colored adults; children, 8 white; 63 colored; total, 79. **Marriages**, 2 white; 1 colored; total, 3. **Burials**, 4 white; 1 colored; total, 5. **Communicants**, 52 white; 230 colored; total, 282. **Non-Communicants**, 88 white; colored, not ascertained. **Children under 14**, 104 whites; colored, not ascertained. **Families**, 42 white; colored, not ascertained. **Families belonging also to other Congregations**, 23 white; colored none. **Children catechised several Sundays**, 10 white; colored, in large numbers on plantations. **Confirmed by the Bishop**, 2 whites; 76 colored; total, 78. **Sunday Schools**, number of Teachers, 2 white. **Number of Scholars**, 12 white. **Public worship**, Biggin Church; number of Sundays, 13. **Strawberry**, number of Sundays, 18; number of other days, 1. **Whiteville**, number of Sundays, 23; number of other days, 13. **Cordesville**, number of Sundays, 8. **Elsewhere**, number of Sundays, 2; number of other days, 8. **On plantations**, number of Sundays, 24; number of other days, 32; whole number of times, 250.

REMARKS.—Of the above services, thirty have been performed at Church by a candidate for Holy Orders, licensed by the Bishop. Forty-one have also been performed on plantations by the same person, acting as Catechist; and in twenty-six others I have been assisted by him in like services.

St. Thomas and St. Dennis.

The Rev. Edward Phillips, Rector.

Baptisms—2 colored adults; 7 white children; 14 colored; total, 23. **Marriage**, 1 white. **Burials**, 2 white. **Communicants**, 19 white; 54 colored; total 73. **Non-Communicants**, about 60 white; colored unknown. **Families**, 32 white; colored unknown. **Children under 14**, 52 white; colored unknown. **Families belonging also to other Congregations**, 2. **Public worship**—St. Thomas' Church, 12 Sundays; 1 other day; total, 13. Pompion Hill Chapel, 12 Sundays; 1 other day; total 13. **At plantations**, 14 Sundays; whole number of times 40.

REMARKS.—In addition to the usual offices of public worship, a special service is held for the colored people on each Lord's day. At the Chapel, the number of those persons averages from 100 to 200; the sittings at the Church cannot accommodate more than 30 or 40 of the colored people who usually attend. A more punctual attendance at worship of the white congregation seems to indicate an improved condition of the Parish.

St. Paul's Church, Stono, and St. Paul's Church, Summerville.

The Rev. Philip Gadsden, Rector.

Baptisms—4 white children. **Marriages**, 1 white. **Burials**, 5 white. **Communicants**, 16 white. **Non-Communicants**, 28 white. **Children under 14**, 36 white. **Families**, 18 white. **Children catechised 17 days**, 14 white. **Public worship**, St. Paul's; whole number of times, 71.

REMARKS.—Besides the services enumerated, a service has been held on three occasions on plantations for negroes; and such a service is readily conceded by the Rector whenever it is called for, or is acceptable to the masters or owners of plantations.

St. Helena Church, Beaufort.

The Rev. Joseph R. Walker, Rector.

Baptisms—14 white children. Marriages, 3 white; 4 colored; total, 7. Burials, 10. Communicants, 120 white; 63 colored, total, 183. Non-communicants, 89 white. Children under 14, 142 white. Families, 64 white. Families belonging also to other Congregations, 8 white. Children catechised from time to time; and frequently addressed, in the Sunday School, generally upon the "Collect" for the day. Sunday School Teaches, 10 white; 12 colored; total, 22. Scholars, 64 white; 85 colored; total, 149. Public worship, 52 Sundays; other days, 60; whole number of times, 166.

Parish of Prince George, Winyaw.

The Rev. Robert T. Howard Rector.

Baptisms—Children, 10 white; 2 colored; total, 12. Marriages, 1 white. Burials, 5 white; 1 colored; total 6. Communicants, 36 white; 14 colored; total, 50. Non-Communicants, 57 white; 10 colored; total, 67. Children under 14, 37 white. Families, 40 white. Children catechised generally after Sunday School. Sunday School Teachers, 1 white. Scholars, 9 white.

REMARKS.—Our Sunday School is quite small owing to the circumstance that most of the families who attend the Church live in the country, at too great a distance to send their children.

Last summer I spent in a pine-land settlement near the Pee Dee, where I officiated every Lord's day. A temporary building was erected for the purpose of public worship and the people one and all, in the village regularly attended. Our contributions to Missions though smaller than they should have been, have been systematic. The colored people of my charge are weekly instructed every Wednesday evening at my house, when my family is well.

St. John's Church John's Island.

The Rev. Thomas John Young, Rector.

Baptism—23 colored adults; 8 white children; 34 colored children; total, 65. Marriages, 2 white. Burials, 2 white; 1 colored; total, 3. Communicants, 60 white; 347 colored; total, 407. Non-Communicants, 54 white; colored, not known. Children under 14, 63 white; colored, not known. Families, 43 white; colored, not known. Families belonging also to other Congregations, 13 or 30 white. Confirmed by the Bishop, 4 white; 6 colored; total, 10. Public worship—St John's Church, 34 Sundays; 2 other days; number of times, 58. Rockville Church, 17 Sundays; 22 other days; number of times, 61; whole number of services, 198.

REMARKS.—During the past year, there has been an addition to the Communion of four (4) white and twenty-three (23) colored persons. By deaths and removals, we have lost one (1) white and nineteen (19) colored Communicants. The number of colored Communicants reported the last year as four hundred, (400) should have been three hundred and forty-three (343.)

The amount pledged and contributed, for the year 1846, by this Congregation, for charitable and religious purposes, and passing through the hands of the Rector, is \$846 18. Of this amount, \$125 were contributed by the Sewing Society.

The Rector reports with pleasure, the renewed and increasing interest of this Congregation in the religious instruction of their slaves: two Catechists are now engaged in this good work. The contributions for their support will, it is feared, greatly diminish those hitherto made to the General Missions of the Church; whilst the Rector hopes that his fears will not be realized, he deems it his duty to make the statement, lest there should be disappointment to those formerly receiving aid from this Congregation.

At Rockville, a class of colored children received daily religious instruction during the summer, from a member of the Congregation. The Rector is not without hope of being hereafter able to report the forming of a similar class on every plantation in the parish.

Besides the usual administrations of the Lord's Supper on the great festivals of the Church, and the first Sunday in each month during the winter, and first and third during the summer, (there being then two Congregations,) the Rector has administered it five (5) times in private, and three (3) times in the Church at Edingsville.

The cemetery still remains unenclosed.

Prince Frederick's Chapel, Pee Dee.

The Rev. J. R. Fell, Minister.

Baptisms—2 white children; 28 colored; total, 30. Marriages, 2 colored. Burials, 1 white. Communicants, 14 white. Non-communicants, 10 white. Children under fourteen, 19 white. Families, 10 white. Families belonging also to other congregations, 8 white. Children catechised 14 Sundays, varying from 3 to 7 white. Public worship, Prince Frederick's Chapel, Sundays, 29; other days on plantations, 19; whole number of times, 43.

REMARKS.—The number of families in this Parish is small but the field is comparatively new and will be an increasing one. There are places in the hands of absentee proprietors, yet to be cheered by the presence of resident owners with their families—a change of things much to be desired, and in the event of which there is a fair prospect of numerical increase to the Church. The local facilities for the discharge of ministerial duty are here unusually favorable. One fine road conducts to all the settlements which being compactly situated, the most distant may be reached on horseback without any fatigue. Thus the House of God is brought near to the people, and frequent attendance there, well nigh as convenient and practicable as it is in cities. I accordingly had a regular weekly service, and also observed

the chief festivals and fasts of the Church. My connection with the Parish has been only for a year and the opportunity I had of laboring in it very limited, since, at the approach of summer I was obliged to remove in consequence of the want of a suitable residence for that season. During this interval, until my return in the fall, I officiated steadily at Mount Pleasant in Christ Church Parish.

Collected for Missions and other charitable objects, \$143,12.

Prince William's Parish.

Rev. Charles E. Leverett, Rector.

Rev. Stephen Elliott, Sen., Assistant Minister.

Baptisms—Children, 1 white. Burials, 2 white. Communicants, 33 white; 6 colored; total, 39. Non-communicants, 28 white; 10 colored; total, 38. Children under 14, 40 white. Families, 17 white. Families belonging also to other congregations, 3 white. Children catechised 46 days, 25 white; 25 colored; total, 50. Confirmed by the Bishop, 1 white. Sunday School Teachers, 6 white. Scholars, 25 white. Public worship, Sheldon Church, 34 Sundays; 1 other days; total, 35. At Sheldon Chapel, 44 Sundays; 20 other days; total, 64. Whole number of times, 99.

REMARKS.—The Report of this Parish is for a part of the year only, the Rector having assumed its charge in May. The Church at Edisto held by him, for 12 years, and resigned to accept a call here, was left in a very prosperous condition, probably not surpassed by any congregation of equal extent. The health of his family was, in part, his inducement to dissolve that connexion, and to enter on a sphere, smaller, and pecuniarily less to the laborer.

This Church has suffered from deaths and removals. It is probable that it will be still more affected by changes of residence. The few, however, who remain, express an attachment, that is shown by generous contributions towards its support. Besides the salary of the Rector, *entirely paid, without help from a fund*, they have, unsolicited by him, kindly, contributed to the comfortable finish of the Parsonage. There is also an annual payment by a few of the Church, for stated ministrations on the plantations, to the Episcopal Missionary, Rev. Mr. Webb. It would be pleasing to the Rector, could he report all his parishioners as co-operating in this Christian work. It is as truly our duty, as it is to transmit the Gospel to any others unblessed with its good tidings; and one, whose neglect will be at our heavy cost. Besides, there is no Church able to exert so wholesome an influence as that of our Communion; and there is none, when the Gospel is preached in its integrity and simplicity, which more secures the attachment of its members—be they bond or free.

Missionary collections have not been taken. The Rector hopes his people will not be remiss in testifying so far as this branch of Christian obligation is concerned, that they are interested in the promotion of the Gospel. We can, in general, speak confidently of the state of that Church, which, through its members, *annually* devotes a generous sum to the spread of the truth. They, who, themselves, are interested

in the tidings of salvation, will be ever forward to cheer on the Chariot of the Son of God.

Services, for the colored people, have been regularly held Sunday nights, in the Chapel; and catechetical instructions for the colored children, Sunday mornings, after Church, by the Rector. The report of services of this kind, and of the religious state of this portion of his flock, is properly that of the Assistant Minister. It may be well to add, that the Assistant Minister,—late the worthy and popular Rector of this Parish,—having erected a Chapel, at his own cost, for the accommodation of the blacks, gratuitously conducts the same. Would that others, blessed with the ability, were equally willing to imitate an example, which has its record on high.

It should be noticed, that by the kind attention of Rev. W. T. Potter of Pendleton, this Church was opened from January to May. His services are embraced in those enumerated in the tabular account.

Amounts contributed,—For completion of the Parsonage, about \$275. For Episcopal Missionary on plantations, about \$300.

Prince William's Parish.

Rev. Stephen Elliott, Sen. Assistant Minister.

Baptisms—28 colored. Marriages, 1 white. Burials, 1 colored. Communicants, 45 colored. Children catechised every Sunday.—Confirmed by the Bishop, 14 colored. Sunday Schools—number of teachers, 1 colored; number of scholars, 150 colored. Public worship, Christ Church, whole number of times, 40.

The late Rector of Prince William's Parish has resigned his charge, that he might devote his entire care to the colored population in the same Parish; he has been elected Assistant Minister, and has during the past year, officiated at Christ Church, to a congregation varying from 200 to 600 persons. He has also acted as Missionary at a plantation in St. Bartholomew's Parish, (by consent of the Vestry thereof,) when there has been a regular attendance of 2 to 300. His charge embraces a population of about 2,000, all of whom are within two to three miles of the Church. The field for usefulness is large and encouraging—the labor during the summer arduous—the work of preaching the Gospel to the poor, full of enjoyment. Having this Ministry, we faint not, but trust in the efficacy of the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, to break down the strong holds of sin and satan, and bring in “righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.” Twenty-eight have been baptised during the year; the other Communicants are the result of former labours, or have come in from denominations. Services are held during the winter months twice on every Sunday. In summer, the journey to and from my residence, making 38 miles; services held at Christ Church only, and once in two weeks; this circumstance, together with several attacks of fever and a temporary absence from the Diocese, will account for the small number of Services reported. May the Lord smile upon this work and rescue many of these benighted souls from the darkness which surrounds and is within them, and bring them to see “the light of the knowledge of the glory of God, as it shines in the face of Jesus Christ.”

St. Michael's Parish, Charleston.

The Rev. P. Trapier Keith, Assistant Minister.

Baptisms—19 white children; 2 colored; total, 21. Marriages, 2 white; 7 colored; total, 9. Burials, 15 white; 3 colored; total, 18. Communicants, 262 white; about 30 colored; total, 292. Non-communicants, 187 white. Children under 14, 193 white. Families, 145 white. Families belonging also to other congregations, 14 white. Children catechised 12 days; about 100 white; about 40 colored; total, 140. Sunday School Teachers, 18 white. Scholars, 102 white; 40 colored; total, 142. Public worship, St. Michael's, Sundays, 52; other days, 146; whole number of times, 261.

During the past year the contributions have been—

At the Communion,	-	-	\$693	19
Church Offerings,	-	-	620	46
For Missions,	From Individuals,	-	110	00
Sunday School,	-	-	51	39
Colored persons,	-	-	15	12
For Aged and infirm Clergymen,	-	-	44	50
Church at Laurens, S. C.	-	-	213	00
Columbia Institute, Tenn.,	-	-	230	00
Society for Advancement of Christianity in So. Ca.,	-	-	58	85
The Poor in the Upper Districts,	-	-	32	00

All Saints, Waccamaw.

The Rev. Alex. Glennie, Rector.

Baptisms—Adults, 1 white; 4 colored. Children, 8 white; 61 colored; total, 74. Marriages, 6 colored. Burials, 4 white; 3 colored; total 7. Communicants, 42 white; 154 colored, total, 196. Non-Communicants, 35 white. Children under 14, 51 white. Families, 24 white. Families belonging also to other Congregations, 8. Children catechised on 18 days, 21; 319 colored on 111 days. Sunday Schools, number of scholars, 21. Public worship, Parish Church of All-Saints, number of Sundays, 26; number of other days, 9; whole number of times, 35. Southern Parish Church, number of Sundays, 15; number of other days, 5; whole number of times, 20. At Summer Retreat, number of Sundays, 10; whole number of times, 10. On eleven plantations, 170; whole number of times, 235.

REMARKS.—The communion alms and collections for Missions, &c., amounted to \$755 83½.

St. Luke's Parish.

The Rev. A. Woodward, Rector.

Baptisms—3 white adults; 6 white children; 2 colored adults; total, 11. Burials, 1 white adult; 1 white infant; total, 2. Marriages, 1 white; 2 colored; total, 3. Families, 30 white. Children under 14, 56 white. Communicants, 26 white; 31 colored; total, 57. Non-communicants, 56 white; colored not known. Sunday School Teachers, 6 white. Scholars, 12 white; about 40 colored; total, 52.

Public worship, St. Luke's Church, 10 Sundays: Zion Chapel, Hilton Head, 16 Sundays; Chapel of the Cross, at Bluffton, 18 Sundays; whole number of times, including services rendered colored people on the Main and on the Island, 64.

REMARKS.—During the past year, there has been a spirit of religious inquiry among the members of this little congregation, and the gratifying result has been an addition to the Communion of 9 persons, 7 white and 2 colored. Provision has been made by the Wardens and Vestry, to enlarge the Chapel of the Cross at Bluffton; and also to engage the services of a special Missionary to the colored people.

St. Matthew's Parish.

The Rev. R. D. Shindler, Rector.

Marriages, 1 white. Communicants, 17 white; 6 colored; total, 23. Non-Communicants, 24 white. Children under 14, 34 white. Families, 12 white; 1 colored; total, 13. Children catechised monthly during the summer. Confirmed by the Bishop, 5 white. Sunday School Teachers, 6; Scholars, 24. Public worship in the Chapel at Totness, 17 Sundays; other days, 9. St. Matthew's Church, 2 Sundays; whole number of times, 42. Services were also held for servants, for whose benefit the Chapel at Totness has been enlarged. The present Rector performed divine service for the first time in that capacity, July 12, 1846.

Parish of St. David's, Cheraw.

The Rev. Alex. Gregg, Minister.

Baptisms—1 colored adult; 4 white children; 26 colored; total, 31. Communicants, 19 white; 2 colored; total, 21. Non-Communicants, about 40 white; colored, uncertain. Children under 14, 34 white. Sunday School Teachers, 3 white; scholars, 20 white; colored, varying from 30 to 50. Public worship, at St. David's, 20 Sundays; 3 other days; total, 23. At Bennettsville, 2. On plantations, 6: whole number of times, 52.

REMARKS.—This report dates from 10th of June, when my charge commenced. I was absent from the Church about three weeks, in consequence of sickness.

Protestant Episcopal Church, Edisto and Edingsville.

The Rev. W. H. Hanckel, Minister.

Baptisms—1 colored adult; children, 12 white; 1 colored; total, 14. Burials, 2 white; 1 colored; total, 3. Communicants, 39 white; 101 colored; total, 140. Non-Communicants, 50 white; 100 colored; total, 150. Children under 14, 62 white. Families, 27 white. Families belonging also to other Congregations, 7 white. Confirmed by the Bishop, 5 white. Sunday Schools—number of teachers, 7 white; number of scholars, 20 white; 60 colored; total 80. Public worship, Protestant Episcopal Church, Edisto; number of Sundays, 8; number of other days, 1; whole number of times, 9. St. Stephen's Chapel,

Edingsville ; number of Sundays, 14 ; number of other days, 12 ; whole number of times, 35.

REMARKS.—The above report only extends from July 26th, 1846, at which time I commenced my labors in this Parish.

Church at Claremont.

The Rev. A. L. Converse, Rector.

Baptisms—26 colored adults ; children, 7 white ; 25 colored ; total, 58. Burials, 7 white. Communicants, 42 white ; 69 colored ; total, 111. Non-Communicants, 51 white. Children under 14, 33 white. Families, 25 white. Families belonging also to other Congregations, 4 white. Children catechised 7 or 8 times. Public worship, Claremont ; number of Sundays, 51 ; number of other days, 5 ; whole number of times, 56.

REMARKS.—The Lord's Supper has been administered on the first Sunday of each month, and on two other days, Good Friday and Christmas day. One communicant has died, two have removed, and six new ones have been admitted to the participation of the Holy Communion. The colored communicants are irregular in their reception of the Lord's Supper, as they are in their attendance at Church. There is now employed in this parish, by a few of its members, a Catechist, for the special benefit of the colored people, and I am sorry to be obliged to add, that so *very few* seem to take a deep and abiding interest in the imparting of religious instruction to the poor, ignorant and dependent heathen at their own door; I lament this want of faith, and charity, and zeal, which would check all christian effort in behalf of this class of the Saviour's "poor," whom we are to "have always with us," and under our sole control ; but my trust and confidence is still in Him, by whose "holy inspiration," men "think those things that are good," and by whose "merciful guiding," they "perform the same." And I cannot help thinking, that, although this special work of faith and labor of love, has its many difficulties and discouragements, and a thousand fold more from its being so long and so greatly neglected ; yet christians will at length learn to regard it as none the less *practicable* and *imperative*, provided it be once acknowledged that *our slaves* are comprehended in "the express words of our Saviour Christ :" "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to *every creature*." "God so loved the *world*; that he gave his only begotten son, to the end that *all that believe* in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life." And do they not remember the language of St. Paul : "How shall they *believe* in him of whom they have *not heard* ? and how shall they *hear* without a *preacher* ?" However great may prove the difficulties or inconvenience attending the religious instruction of our slaves, I trust no *christian* will ever be found seriously to entertain or advocate the opinion, that these commands of our Saviour Christ are *impracticable* in regard to *them*.

We have made a good beginning in this parish, by subscriptions, for the erection of a new Church, but we have, from untoward circumstances, made such slow progress, that I only allude to the hope entertained of at length accomplishing such a work, for the honor and glory of our God and Redeemer: may He "direct us in this and in all our

doings with his most gracious favor, and further us with his continued help."

There have been no collections taken up in the Church the past year, except the "alms" for the poor on communion days, for our "Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina," \$40, and for the benefit of "aged and infirm clergyman," of our Diocese, \$25.

All of which is affectionately submitted to his Bishop by the Rector of the Church at Claremont.

Parish of St. Helena Island.

The Rev. David McElheran, Rector.

Baptisms—3 colored adults ; children, 4 white ; 1 colored ; total, 8. Marriages, 2 white. Burials, 7 white ; 1 colored ; total, 8. Communicants, 30 white ; 6 colored ; total, 36. Non Communicants, 36 white. Children under 14, 30 white. Families, 21 white. Children catechised during summer. Sunday Schools—number of teachers, 2 white ; number of scholars, 8 white ; 30 to 50 during summer. Public worship, Central Church ; number of Sundays, 50 ; number of other days, 3 ; whole number of times, 53. St. Helenaville Chapel ; number of Sundays, 25 ; whole number of times, 78.

REMARKS.—The prevalence of sickness on the different plantations through the Island, and the bad state of health of the Catechist we had employed, proved rather unfavorable to the efforts made for the religious instruction of negroes ; notwithstanding which, some good has certainly been effected.

The contributions for various Missionary purposes on the Island, during the past year, amounted to seventy dollars—thirty-five of which were obtained from the Ladies Working Society of St. Helena Island, the greater part appropriated to Missionary purposes within the State.

Parishes of St. Stephen's and Upper St. John's.

The Rev. William Dehon, Rector.

Baptisms—17 colored adults ; 5 white children ; 25 colored ; total, 47. Marriages, 2 whites. Burials, 3 whites. Communicants, 56 whites ; 22 colored ; total, 78. Non-communicants, 80 whites. Children under 14, 90 ; total, 170. Families, 50. Children catechised 6 days, 25 whites. Confirmed by the Bishop, 5 whites ; 10 colored ; total, 15. Public worship, St. Stephen's, 17 Sundays ; 27 other days ; Epiphany, 11 Sundays ; 1 other day ; Black Oak, 6 Sundays ; Pinopolis Chapel, 5 Sundays ; 1 other day ; whole number of times, 74.

REMARKS.—In addition to the above mentioned services, there have been held on different plantations on Sundays 36 services, and on other evenings in the week 9. The Holy Communion has been administered in public 20 times, and to sick persons in private 5 times ; and also on a plantation once. The amount contributed for Missions during the year, has been \$207 ; and at the Communion, \$132. A neat and commodious Church has been erected at Black Oak, and was opened for

public worship on the Sunday after Christmas. The small number of services reported above as performed in that part of the parish, was in consequence of the congregation being for a time without a suitable place in which to assemble, the old building having been taken down previous to the completion of the new one.

St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeborough.

The Rev. Christian Hanckel, Rector, D. D.
The Rev. J. S. Hanckel, Assistant Minister.

Baptisms—3 white adults; 2 colored; 30 white children; 7 colored; total, 42. Marriages, 3 white; 4 colored; total, 7. Burials, 14 white; 2 colored; total, 16. Communicants, 250 whites; 60 colored; total, 310. Non-communicants, 369 white; 90 colored; total, 459. Children under 14, 280 white; 118 colored; total, 398. Families, 225 white; 38 colored; total, 263. Families belonging also to other congregations, not accurately ascertainable. Children catechised 16 Sundays, about 50 white; about 30 colored; total, 80. Confirmed by the Bishop, 23 white; 1 colored; total, 24. Sunday School Teachers, 13 whites; 4 colored; total, 17. Scholars, about 50 white; about 70 colored; total, 120. Public Worship, St. Paul's, each Sunday twice; Wednesdays, Festivals, and Fasts.

Trinity Church, Columbia.

The Rev. Peter J. Shand, Rector.

Baptisms—1 colored adult; 19 white children; total, 20. Marriages, 7 white; 1 colored; total, 8. Burials, 9 white; 2 colored; total, 11. Communicants, 87 white; 8 colored; total, 95. Non-communicants, 79 white; 6 colored; total, 85. Children under 14, 71 white; 4 colored; total, 75. Families, 59 white; 7 colored; total, 66. Children catechised 10 times, number varying. Sunday School Teachers 7; Scholars, from 20 to 35. Public Worship every Sunday, and every Fast and Festival Day, with scarcely any exception.

REMARKS.—Of white communicants reported, five have removed from the Parish and two have died; eight have been added during the year. The usual contributions have been made to church institutions within the Diocese, and to Diocesan, Domestic and Foreign Missions. Of the white families reported, four have removed from the Parish; three have been added. Of the black families, one has removed and two have been added.

The new Church, of which mention of the laying of the corner stone was mentioned in our last annual report, is now nearly ready for consecration.

Grace Church, Sullivan's Island.

The Rev. John H. Cornish, Missionary.

Baptisms—1 white child; 2 colored; total, 3. Burials, 2 white. Communicants, 18 white; 7 colored; total, 25. Families belonging also

to other congregations, most of those that attend this church. Children catechised 8 days, 7 white; 6 colored; total, 13. Confirmed by the Bishop, 2 white; 1 colored; total, 3. Public worship, Grace Church, 18 Sundays; 4 other days; whole number of times 22.

REMARKS.—The Lord's Supper was administerad 5 times. Alms, \$26.19. Collection for the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South Carolina, \$15.

St. Paul's Church, Pendleton.

Wm. T. Potter, Missionary.

Baptisms—3 white children; 9 colored; total, 12. Burial, 1 white. Communicants, 26 white; 5 colored; total, 31. Non-communicants, uncertain. Children under 14, 27 white. Families, 14 white. Families belonging also to other congregations, 1 white. Children catechised last Sunday in every month. Sunday School Teachers, 5 whites. Scholars, 22 whites. Public worship, every Lord's day from the 1st of June until the second Sunday in November, also every Friday.

REMARKS.—From the 1st of January, 1846, till 1st of May, my ministerial services were extended to Sheldon, which was unsupplied; my former parish (Pendleton) having failed in their efforts to procure the services of a Rector, I cheerfully labored in this field, which in the providence of God, was left unoccupied; the fruits of my labor were not so apparent as I desired, though the attendance at public worship was unusually good, as the pews were free to all. Thus encouraged, many young persons attended, with some interest and participation in the sublime services of the sanctuary. That the great head of the church may shortly supply this destitute portion of his vineyard, with the stated services of a faithful minister of his church, is the prayer of their attached missionary.

Christ Church, Greenville.

The Rev. T. S. Arthur, Rector.

Baptisms—3 white children; 1 colored adult; 8 colored children; total 12. Burials, 1 white; 1 colored; total, 2. Communicants, 50 white; 3 colored; total, 53. Non-communicants, 45 white; 12 colored; total, 57. Children under 14, 36 white; 7 colored; total, 43. Families, 33 white. Families belonging to other congregations, 3 white. Children catechised 12 days, 30 white; 3 colored; total, 33. Sunday School Teachers, 14 white. Scholars, 47 white. Public worship, Christ Church, 31 Sundays; 6 other days; whole number of times, 37.

Grace Church, Camden.

The Rev. T. F. Davis, officiating.

Baptisms—3 colored adults; 5 white children; total, 8. Marriages, 2. Families, 25. Communicants, 32; 5 have removed during the past year. Non-communicants, 50. Children under 14, 46. Regular services twice on Sunday, and once on Friday.

REMARKS.—\$83.60 have been collected for Parochial and Missionary purposes.

St. James' Church, James Island.

The Rev. Stiles Mellichamp, Rector and Missionary.

Baptisms—1 colored adult; 4 white children; total, 5. Marriages, 1 colored. Burials, 5 white. Communicants, 16 white; 19 colored; total, 35. Non-communicants, 17 white; 15 colored; total, 32. Children under 14, 24 white. Families, 12 white. Children catechised 3 days. Confirmed by the Bishop, 2 white; 1 colored; total, 3. Sunday School Teachers, 4. Scholars, 18 white; 30 colored; total, 48. Public worship, St. James' Church, 46 Sundays.

REMARKS.—Divine Service has been held in the Church under my charge regularly on Sabbath days, once a day in winter and twice in summer throughout the year, with the exception of the month of December, when I was absent from the Diocese, by the consent of the church, and one or two Sundays of inclement weather. I preach once a month on one plantation to the negroes through the summer, and generally on every Sabbath through the year, after the white congregation is dismissed, at the church.

St. Peter's Church, Charleston,

The Rev. Wm. H. Barnwell, Rector.

The Rev. Wm. O. Prentiss, Temporary Assistant Minister.

Baptisms—2 colored adults; 10 white children; 6 colored; total, 18. Marriages, 1 white; 2 colored; total, 3. Burials, 7 white; 6 colored; total, 13. Communicants, 192 white; 38 colored; total, 230. Non-communicants, 160 white; about 90 colored; total, about 250. Children under 14, 214 white; about 75 colored; total, about 289. Families, 126 white; about 30 colored; total, about 156. Families belonging also to other congregations, 16 white. Children catechised 6 days, about 40 white; about 60 colored; total, about 100. Confirmed by the Bishop, 8 white; 1 colored; total, 9. Sunday School Teachers, 27 white. Scholars, 125 white; 180 colored; total, 305. Public worship, St. Peter's Church, 52 Sundays; 43 other days; Lecture Room, 2 Sunday nights; 39 other nights; whole number of times, 272.

REMARKS.—In addition to the services reported in this table, a service was held in the Lecture Room, for the colored people, during several months, on every Sunday morning, about sun-rise, and on every Thursday evening, at 7 o'clock, by the Rev. Mr. Prentiss, who had been engaged for a limited time to assist me, chiefly in the religious instruction of the colored people. A number of the services here reported, were held by Mr. Prentiss alone, during my absence from the State, of several weeks, last fall. I am happy to say, that to myself and the congregation generally, as well as to those over whom he had peculiar supervision, the labors of this esteemed brother proved highly acceptable; and we wish him God-speed in the charge of the Parish of St. Bartholomew's—a call to which he has accepted.

Trinity Church, Society Hill.

The Rev. L. C. Johnson, Minister.

Baptisms—3 white adults; 1 colored; 8 white children; total, 12. Marriages, 1 colored. Communicants, 27 white; 7 colored; total, 34. Non-communicants, 3 white. Children under 14, 35 white; 6 colored; total, 41. Families, 15 white; 4 colored; total, 19. Children catechised 2 days. Confirmed by the Bishop, 5 white. Sunday School Teachers, 6 white. Scholars, 20 to 30 white. Public worship, Trinity Church, 48 Sundays; 35 other days; whole number of times 83.

Christ Church, Wilton.

The Rev. E. T. Walker, Rector.

Baptisms—4 colored adults. Burials, 1 white. Communicants, 22 white; 140 colored; total, 162. Non-communicants, 10 white. Children under 14, 17 white. Families, 20 white. Families belonging to other congregations, 1 white. Confirmed by the Bishop, 6 colored. Public worship, Christ Church, Wilton, and the Church of the Holy Trinity, Grahamville, 46 Sundays; 60 other days; whole number of times, 200.

REMARKS.—Sunday afternoons and nights have been devoted to the negroes. The night services have been held upon plantations which are too distant for the negroes to attend the Church. It is believed good has been done, and that many of them have become true children of God. At this time a number are desirous of becoming communicants; they have given five (\$5) dollars to missions. It is worthy of observation, that cases of voluntary confession of secret iniquity, from the influence of conscience, have been numerous.

The religious charities have been, to Domestic and Foreign Missions, \$130; to Missions among the negroes, \$230; total, \$360.

Church of the Holy Trinity, Grahamville.

The Rev. Edw. Reed, Rector.

Baptisms—2 white adults; 2 colored; 5 white children; total, 9. Burials, 1 white. Communicants, 37 white; 30 colored; total, 67. Non-communicants, 52 white; colored, unknown. Children under 14, 85 white; colored, unknown. Families, 32 white. Families belonging also to other congregations, 4 white. Confirmed by the Bishop, 3 white; 1 colored; total, 4. Public worship, Church of Holy Trinity, Grahamville, 25 Sundays; 3 other days; whole number of times 36.

REMARKS.—The Rector was absent from the Parish from May until November—the Rev. E. T. Walker supplying his place. During his absence, he officiated regularly at the Church of St. John's in the Wilderness, Henderson county, N. C. During the winter months, the Sunday School was not open, in consequence of the absence of almost all the children from the village. The Rector is unable to state how often the children were catechised, or what was the number attending the Sunday School through the summer. The colored Sunday School, however, was large.

The addition to the Church, spoken of last year, has been completed, and the vestry are engaged in the erection of a new parsonage.

Trinity Church, Edgefield.

The Rev. C. B. Walker, Rector.

Baptisms—8 white children. Burials, 2 white. Communicants, 18 white; 2 colored; total, 20. Non-communicants, 25. Children under 14, 30. Families, 15. Children catechised 7 days. Sunday School Teachers, 4. Scholars, 12 white; 12 colored; total, 24. Public worship, 48 Sundays; 26 other days; whole number of times 134.

St. Philip's Church, Bradford Springs.

The Rev. Charles P. Elliott, Rector.

Baptisms—2 white children; 9 colored; total, 11. Marriages, 1.

REMARKS.—In 1846 I officiated 49 Sundays; I was so sick on two Sundays as to be rendered incapable of attending the sanctuary, and the extreme inclemency of the weather prevented the congregation from attending once. I officiated at Bradford Springs 15 Sundays; at St. Marks, Clarendon, 12; at the Church of Col. J. J. Moore 4; at the Gum Swamp Church, Clarendon, 5; at Stateburg 5; at St. Matthew's Parish 3; at Zion Church, Richland District, 1; at Camden 1; at Charleston 3. A part of my services were devoted exclusively to the colored people. The whole number of times that I held divine service this year, is 104. I officiated 10 week-days, including Ash-Wednesday and Christmas-day. The whole number of miles that I travelled to fulfil my ministerial engagements is 1249. In August of this year, I accepted a call to become the Rector of St. Philip's Church, Bradford Springs, and since that time I have been regularly occupied in discharging the duties of that Church. In regard to this newly organized Parish, I would simply mention, that as every particular of importance relating to it, is fully stated in our application made by the vestry to the next Convention, for "uniting with the Convention of the Church in this Diocese," that it is therefore deemed unnecessary to say anything concerning the Parish, in this report.

Trinity Church, Abbeville.

The Rev. A. H. Cornish, Rector.

Baptisms—2 white children; 11 colored; total 13. Marriages, 2 white; 1 colored: total, 3. Burials, 1 white. Communicants, 18 white. Non-communicants, 30 white; colored, not known. Children under 14, 40 white; colored, not known. Families; 22. Public worship, Trinity Church, 40 Sundays; 5 other days; other places in Abbeville, 3 Sundays; Church of the Epiphany, Laurens C. H., 3 Sundays; Sullivan's Island, 1 Sunday; Aiken, 1 Sunday; 1 other day; Greenville, 1 Sunday; whole number of times 120.

REMARKS.—39 services have been held at different places for the class of servants.

Church of the Messiah, North Santee.

The Rev. John H. Cornish, Rector.

Baptisms—9 colored adults; children, 2 white; 4 colored; total, 15. Burials, 1 colored. Communicants, 15 white; 43 colored; total, 58. Families belonging to other Congregations, most of the families that attend this Church. Public worship, Church of the Messiah; number of Sundays, for whites, 11 o'clock A. M. 17; for colored, 12 o'clock, A. M., 12, and 9 o'clock, P. M., 15; number other days, 11 o'clock, A. M., for whites, 2. On a plantation for colored people; number of Sundays, 2; whole number of times, 48.

REMARKS.—The Holy Communion was administered six times. Alms \$19,43. Missionary collections \$55,72. My canonical connexion with this parish, ceased on the 10th of May, 1846.

St. Thaddæus Church, Aiken.

The Rev. John H. Cornish, Rector.

Baptisms—3 white children. Marriages, 1 white. Burials, 1 white. Communicants, 14 white; 3 colored; total, 17. Non-communicants and children under 14, not ascertained. Families, 10 white; 2 colored; total, 12. Sunday School Teachers, 4 white. Scholars, 30 white. Public worship, St. Thaddæus, 7 Sunday, 8 other days; whole number of times 15.

REMARKS.—The Lord's Supper has been celebrated twice. Alms, \$5,48.

Immanuel Church, Landsford, Chester.

The Rev. R. D. Shindler, Rector and Missionary.

Baptisms—2 white children; 1 colored; total, 3. Marriages, 1 white. Burials, 1 colored. Communicants, 14 white; 9 colored; total, 23. Non-communicants, 14 white; 2 colored; total, 16. Children under 14, 22 white; 6 colored; total, 28. Families, 12 white; 2 colored; total, 14. Children catechised on several days. Sunday School Teachers, 1 white. Scholars, 5 white. Public worship, Immanuel Church, 16 Sundays; 1 other day; whole number of times, 30. Other places for white congregations, 13 times. Services were also held for servants.

REMARKS.—Immanuel Church is now ready for consecration. This parish is only struggling for existence; it needs the fostering care of the Church. The Rector resigned his cure, July 6, 1846.

Zion Church, Richland.

The Rev. J. M. Pringle, Minister.

Baptisms—8 colored children. Marriages, 3 colored. Burials, 3 white; 1 colored; total, 4. Communicants, 9 white; 100 colored; total, 109. Families in connexion with the church, 11. Families of other congregations who also attend our service, 3. Children catechised, both white and colored, every Sunday and also in the week. Sun-

day School Teachers, 4. A school for catechetical instruction of the white children, is kept every Saturday by two members of the congregation. Whole number of white children in attendance at this school and at the church, 32. Whole number of colored children under 14, catechised, 76. Public worship, 17 Sundays, at Zion Church in the morning, and in the afternoon at a missionary station, known as the "Lower Church." The regular services at these places were interrupted once at the former, and three times at the latter, by indisposition, and at both on one occasion by absence. Besides the Sunday services, missionary work has been done, weekly, on plantations, and at private houses in the neighborhood.

MISSIONARY AND OTHER REPORTS.

Report of the Rev. E. H. Downing.

The undersigned respectfully reports, that since the last Convention, officiating as Missionary at Lynchwood, Kershaw District, he has held divine service, generally accompanied by a sermon, 33 times.

In various Churches in this Diocese and in that of Massachusetts, he has assisted in the celebration of divine service 14 times, in the administration of the Holy Communion twice, and has preached 16 times.

Report of the City Misson connected with St. Stephen's Chapel.

The Rev. Thomas C. Dupont, Missionary.

Baptisms—infants, white 13; colored 2; total, 15. Marriages, white 5; colored 5; total, 10. Burials, white 12. Communicants, white 106; colored 14; total, 120. Children catechised, whole Sunday School, on every Sunday when not prevented by circumstances. Sunday School Teachers, 11; average number of Scholars, 77. Public Worship, at St. Stephen's Chapel, 52 Sundays; 242 other days; whole number of times 347.

The Rev. H. Elwell, officiating and teaching at Mars' Bluff.

Reports, that during the past year the services of the Church have been held in the building—which answers the double purpose of an academy and a place of worship—77 times; and the Lord's Supper has been celebrated 8 times. At his suggestion, a communion cup and plate were procured early in the year. The congregation has usually consisted in the morning of twenty-five or thirty white persons, and in the afternoon of sixty or seventy colored persons. The number of communicants is four, of whom one has been added during the past year. Seven white children have been baptized. The Lord's Supper has been administered by him at Trinity Church, Society Hill, (where a Deacon was in charge,) 3 times, and at St. David's, Cheraw, (which was part of the year vacant, and subsequently in charge of a Deacon,) 4 times; and divine service has been held 12 times in the former, and 10 times in the latter parish. Three visits have also been paid to Marion Court House, where the Methodist Church was kindly offered for public worship. At Bennettsville, four services were held in the Court House, at one visit in the month of August. Grace Church, Camden, was also visited at the request of the Rector, in his absence, and the morning and evening services held there on Rogation Sunday.

Report of the Rev. M. H. Lance.

I report, in conformity to Canon VIII of 1841, that neither in the Diocese (nor out of it, where I am necessarily in summer,) have I omitted, voluntarily, an occasion for my services. At Georgetown, I regularly assist at the administration of the Communion, besides other occasional services; and abroad, my services during the past summer, average near once a week. In that time I baptized 1 white child.

It was my privilege to be present at the commencement of Trinity College, Hartford, where is so forcibly illustrated the great advantage to the *Holy Catholic Church*, of a literary institution under the entire control of her Apostolic principles.

St. John's Chapel, Hampstead, Charleston-Neck.

The Rev. Alex. W. Marshall, Minister.

Baptisms—5 colored adults; children, 18 white; 7 colored; total, 30. Marriages, 2 white; 11 colored; total, 13. Burials, 16 white; 12 colored, total, 28. Communicants, 33 white; 27 colored; total, 60. Non-Communicants, uncertain. Children under 14, uncertain. Families, uncertain. Children catechised 12 days. Confirmed by the Bishop, 3 white; 2 colored; total, 5. Sunday Schools—number of teachers, 7; number of scholars, uncertain. Public worship, St. John's Chapel, number of Sundays, 52; number of other days, 65; whole number of times, 173.

REMARKS.—Eight Communicants have been added, three have removed from the city, and six have died. Divine service has been held twice on every Sunday, on Christmas and on Good Friday, and once on every Saturday and the other days mentioned. The Lord's Supper has been administered on the third Sunday of every month, Easter Sunday and Christmas. The school for white and colored, has been held on every Sunday morning, under a Superintendent and six other teachers; and that for colored adults and children, in the afternoon, after service, under the Minister. The children of the congregation have been catechised on the second Sunday of every month, and oral religious instruction has been given once a week to a portion of the colored people connected with the Chapel. A lady of St. John's Berkley presented for distribution, four comforts, through Rev. Mr. Wallace. The Chapel has been neatly whitewashed and painted, through the kind exertions of some members of the "Charleston Female, Domestic Missionary Society," who raised the necessary amount by subscription. A service for the Communion of the sick has been presented to the Minister by a lady.

Report of the Rev. W. T. Potter.

By the return of my brother in the ministry, who has sojourned with us for the last fortnight, I trouble you with these few lines. From the 1st of January, 1846 till the 1st of May, I stately officiated at Sheldon, my services entirely gratuitous. From the 1st of June till the 1st of November, at Pendleton, my old parish, my services precisely the same, (as my report will shew,) as in former years, was also without

any salary—this from my own choice, that the pews might be free, knowing also the embarrassed state of most of the few families that remained. If my connection with the parish, which was dissolved on my part, considering the very feeble health of Mrs. Potter, and the unsuitableness of the winter climate, had continued, my services would have been the same.

Report of the Rev. W. O. Prentiss.

Besides the services reported by the Rector of St. Peter's, Charleston, I have to report having preached twelve (12) other times, while assisting other ministers, or in vacant parishes. I have also buried one (1) colored adult.

Report of the Rev. Richard S. Seely, Missionary.

I avail myself of this opportunity of making my annual report of the mission at this place, required by Canon II, hoping that if there is any mistake or irregularity about it, you will take the liberty to correct it before publication.

Baptisms—1 colored adult. Communicants, 4 white. Non-communicants, 10 white. Children under 14, 12 white. Families, 6 white. 3 children have been catechised in public 4 times. Public worship, in Newberry, C. H., 35 times; at other places in the district, 33 times; in all 68 times.

REMARKS.—I am happy to say that the people of this place have of late manifested an increased interest in the services of the church, and that it is hoped that it will not be long before we shall have a place of our own, for public worship. May God give successs to the efforts that shall be made to build the walls of Zion at this place.

Mars' Bluff, Darlington District.

Report of the Rev. J. Swart, Missionary.

Permission being obtained from the proprietor of the plantation, Fair Mount, I have mostly confined myself to the instruction of such black people, as willingly attended upon Sunday, including both adults and children. The average attendance has been seventeen. My object has been to instil into their minds such limited instruction as is absolutely necessary for a christian to know; give them a rule of action to direct their life, and afford a form of prayer and praise for their devotional feelings. These things have been done by portions selected from the Common Prayer. The early events of sacred history have been taught from the Bible.

Other occasional services have been rendered. I have said prayers upon ten occasions of public worship, preached thirteen times, and read one discourse. I have administered the communion once publicly and privately. Upon an examining committee, assistance has been rendered in the examination of one Deacon for the order of the Priesthood, of a candidate for the Deaconate, and another one in his first examination.

Report of the Rev. N. P. Tillinghast.

Having presented no report to the last Convention, in consequence of my extreme distance from the country at that period, and wishing to offer, as my duty requires, to the Bishop and the Diocese, a brief sketch of my few and scattered ecclesiastical employments during the term of my absence, I take the liberty of commencing this report with July, 1845. On the 22d of that month, I embarked from New-York. On the 27th, being the 10th Sunday after Trinity, the motion of the vessel proving too great to allow of preaching, I read service in the cabin. On the next Sunday the weather being beautiful, I preached twice on deck, with noble congregations, comprehending nearly every person on board. The Sunday after, the weather proving unfavorable, I read the service and a sermon in the cabin. The next Sunday, being the third Sunday in August, I reached Portsmouth, and attended divine service in that town.

In Rome, on the Wednesday preceding Palm Sunday, during the month of April, 1846, I administered the rite of holy baptism to the infant daughter of Mr. Crawford, the celebrated American sculptor.

On the first Sunday in the following November, I performed divine service, and preached in the cabin of the Margaret Evans. On the 8th of the same month, I read the service and a sermon in the cabin. On the 15th, I again performed divine service and preached; the weather not permitting service on deck at any period of my return voyage.

On Wednesday, Nov. 18th, I was summoned by the Rev. Mr. Hopkins, to stand by the bed-side of his dying wife, and administer both to her and to him, the consolations of our holy religion. The next day after, I performed the funeral service in the ladies' cabin over her remains.

On repairing to Washington, I was requested by the Vestry of Trinity Church, to accept the temporary charge of their parish, under the following circumstances: Their late Rector had just resigned, and they anticipated a delay of two months in the arrival of the newly elected one. They solicited me to occupy the pulpit during this interval. The period of my engagement continues till the 1st of March. I have ever since performed the whole duty of the Church, including divine service and a sermon twice every Sunday, and on the festival of the Nativity; and divine service with a discourse every Wednesday.

Report of the Rev. Paul Trapier.

In obedience to Canon VIII of the General Convention of 1841, I report that my health having failed me, I was absent from my late parish for six months from March last, on a visit to Europe, during which time I officiated twice on ship-board.

On the 25th of November last, I resigned the Rectorship of St. Michael's Church, by advice of its Vestry. I have since baptized in this city, one colored child in private, it being ill. I have assisted yourself at the communion once in your parish church; have read the evening service of the church, on occasion of a confirmation held for the slaves on a plantation in St. John's Berkley; read prayers once and preached three times in St. Philip's Church, Charleston; preached once in St.

Stephen's Chapel, Pineville; have officiated once in St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeboro'; once in St. Stephen's Chapel, Charleston; and four times in the Chapel of the Diocesan School, by request of its Rev. Rector.

Prince William's Parish.

The Rev. B. C. Webb, Missionary.

Baptisms—15 infants. Lord's Supper administered 10 times. Marriages, 2. Burials, 1. Confirmed, 17. Communicants, 9; disciplined 2; restored 28, who had been removed and have returned; present number, 128. Plantations, 9. Places of worship, 4. Public worship, 47 Sundays; in other places, 4 Sundays; other days not recorded. Children catechised as formerly.

REMARKS.—In addition to my regular appointments a third service was held on the plantation of the Rev. Mr. Potter, from May to October, every other Sunday, interrupted on three occasions, by my holding a similar service at the Mission Chapel of the Rev. Mr. S. Elliott. Contributions to the African Mission, \$8.

Report of the Rev. P. T. Babbit.

During the last year I officiated in the Parish of Christ Church, until the last Sunday in Lent, from that time until about the 1st of September, served the Church of St. Michael's in this city. From the 20th of October, I have officiated in the Chapel of the School of the Diocese, on the evenings of Friday and Sunday of each week, to which has been added, since the 17th January, a morning service.

On most of the Sundays when not particularly engaged, I have aided several of my brethren in this city.

Baptisms, 1. Funerals, 3. Communion, partaken in the administration, six times.

Report of the Rev. C. C. Pinckney.

Being prevented by the state of my health from taking charge of a parish during the past year, I report to you the occasional services which I have performed during that period.

I visited Greenville on three occasions, and spent four Sundays with the congregation, in whose welfare I must feel the deepest interest, preaching on each Sunday, and administering the Lord's Supper three times. I also held service and preached three times at Flat Rock, during the summer, and there, as well as in various places in this State, assisted my brethren in the services of the Church when my aid was needed. In the vicinity of Flat Rock, where I spent the summer, I superintended a Sunday School, and conducted a Bible class, on every Sunday from the 15th June to the 10th November. These services, intended to benefit a class of our population who enjoy few advantages, literary or religious, seemed to be appreciated by parents and children. The interest and regularity of the scholars, induces the hope that our labors were not in vain. Greater improvement I have never witnessed in the same period.

On the first Sunday in November I baptised, after due instruction, 2 colored adults, in the presence of a congregation who had never before seen the administration of this sacrament in the Episcopal Church.

The improvement of my health now authorising me to undertake more regular services, I have accepted the appointment of Agent of the Board of Missions, and am now employed in visiting the Churches in their behalf.

ABSTRACT OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1846.

		White.	Colored.	Total.
Baptisms—	Adults, - - - - -	12	140	152
“	Children - - - - -	257	394	651
	Grand Total, - - - - -	269	534	703
Marriages, - - - - -		44	46	90
Burials, - - - - -		156	42	198
Congregation—	Communicants, - - - - -	2208	2116	4324
“	Non-Communicants, - - - - -	2124	*143	2267
“	Children under 14, - - - - -	2277	*203	*2480
“	Families, - - - - -	1526	*84	1610
Families belonging to other Congregations, - - - - -	130			130
Children Catechised, - - - - -	514	567	1081	
Confirmed by the Bishop, - - - - -	*94	125	219	
Sunday Schools—Number of Teachers, - - - - -	144			144
“	Scholars, - - - - -	801	753	1554

*Most parishes reported this item “uncertain,” or “not known.”

CONSTITUTION
OF
THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
IN THE
DIOCESE OF SOUTH-CAROLINA.

ARTICLE I.

Of acceding to the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention.

The Protestant Episcopal Church in South-Carolina accedes to, recognizes and adopts the general Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and acknowledges their authority accordingly.

ARTICLE II.

Of Stated Meetings.

A stated Convention shall be held annually in Charleston, on the second Wednesday in February, or at such time, and in such place, as shall have been determined upon by the preceding Convention.

ARTICLE III.

Of Members of Convention.

SECTION 1.—The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen

SECTION 2.—The Bishop, the Assistant Bishop, when there is one, and the Minister, or Ministers of every Episcopal Church, in union with this Convention, shall always be *ex-officio*, a member, or members of this Convention, with a right to vote on all matters requiring the suffrages thereof: *Provided*, that no Clergyman shall be entitled to *vote* in Convention, unless he has been actually, as well as canonically resident

within the Diocese, for the space of twelve calander months next before the meeting of the Convention, and has for the same period, been employed in performing the duties of his station; *Provided*, also, that no Clergyman otherwise entitled to a seat and vote in Convention, shall, by reason of advanced years, or infirm health, or temporary absence, be divested of such privilege.

SECTION 3.—Every other Clergyman of the Church, being a Missionary, officiating under the sanction of the Ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese, or a Chaplain in any benevolent or other public institution, shall be entitled to all the privileges of a member of this Convention, with the exception of the right to vote in matters involving the temporal concerns of the Churches. The provisions of the second section of this Article shall also apply to the preceding part of this section. Every other Clergyman, being an instructor of youth in any seminary of learning, constituted by civil or Ecclesiastical authority, in this Diocese, or a Chaplain in the Army or Navy of the United States, or being prevented by age and infirmity from exercising his clerical functions, shall be entitled to all the privileges of a member of this Convention, with the exception of the right to vote.

SECTION 4.—Lay-Delegates, not exceeding four (4) in number, shall be elected by the respective Episcopal Churches, in union with this Convention, from among the members of those Churches respectively, to represent them in Convention; the Delegates to be elected in such manner and time, as each Church shall deem proper, to serve for one stated Convention. They shall, before they are permitted to take their seats in Convention, produce written testimonials, of their election. For special Conventions, special elections shall be held.

SECTION 5.—No Member shall hereafter represent two distinct Churches, or shall, in any case, have more than one vote.

SECTION 6.—A Lay-Member, having taken his seat in the Convention as a Delegate from any Church, shall not, (without the unanimous consent of the Convention,) be permitted to relinquish his seat, and take a seat as the Delegate of another Church.

ARTICLE IV.

Of a Quorum.

Ten (10) Members of the Clerical Order, and Lay-Representatives of ten (10) Churches, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business generally; but any number of either order that shall assemble, may adjourn, from day to day, until a quorum is formed.

ARTICLE V.

Of the President.

The Bishop of the Diocese shall be *ex-officio* President of the Convention. But in case of his absence, or a vacancy in the Episcopate,

the President of the Standing Committee shall be the President of the Convention; and if he be not present, a presiding officer shall be elected from among the attending Presbyters.

ARTICLE VI.

Of the Secretary.

A Secretary, who shall also be, *ex-officio*, Treasurer, shall be annually chosen, (and continue in office until a successor be appointed,) who shall keep a true and correct Journal of the Proceedings of the Convention, attest its public acts, preserve its records, and give notice to each Minister and Vestry of the time and place appointed for any stated or special meeting of the Convention; and this notice shall be given at least six weeks before the meeting of such Convention. He shall also keep regular accounts of all money transactions, to be annually laid before the Convention, and shall faithfully deliver into the hands of his successor, all books and papers, relative and belonging to the Convention, which may be in his charge.

ARTICLE VII.

Of the Standing Committee.

SECTION 1.—A Standing Committee, consisting of five Presbyters of the Diocese, and five Laymen, taken indiscriminately from among the actual communicants of the Church in the Diocese, shall be elected by ballot at every regular meeting of the Convention, for the purposes expressed in the Constitution and Canons of the General and Diocesan Conventions, who shall continue in office until another Committee be appointed.

SECTION 2.—At their first meeting after their appointment, they shall choose one of the Presbyters of their body to be their President; and another of their body to be their Secretary, whose duty it shall be to keep regular minutes of all the proceedings and business of the Committee, to preserve them carefully recorded in a book provided for that purpose alone, to preserve the originals of all letters and papers addressed to the Standing Committee, to attest their public acts, to perform such other duties as they may require, and faithfully to deliver into the hands of his successor all books and papers relative to the concerns of the Standing Committee, which may have been entrusted to him.

SECTION 3.—They shall present to each annual Convention, an abstract of the minutes of their proceedings since the former Convention.

SECTION 4.—Vacancies in this Committee, caused by death, resignation, or otherwise, shall be supplied by the suffrages of the remaining members, a majority of the whole Committee being necessary to constitute a choice.

ARTICLE VIII.

Of Special Meetings.

SECTION 1.—The Bishop, or in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the Standing Committee shall have power to call a special meeting of the Convention; and such meeting shall be held where the authority calling it shall determine; and at such special meeting no other business shall be transacted than that stated in the notice calling the Convention.

SECTION 2.—No special meeting of the Convention shall be called for the election of a Bishop or Assistant-bishop.

ARTICLE IX.

Of Voting in Convention.

On all questions, unless otherwise provided by the Constitution, the members shall deliberate and vote as one body; but any two Clergymen, of the Delegation from any two Churches, may call for a separate vote of each Order, when the Clergy shall vote individually, and the Lay-Delegates by Churches, (a majority of each Delegation having one vote,) and a majority of both Orders shall, in each case, be necessary to a decision.

ARTICLE X.

Of the Election of a Bishop, or Assistant-Bishop.

In the election of a Bishop, or Assistant Bishop of this Diocese, a majority of each Order shall determine a choice: *Provided*, that two-thirds (2-3ds) of all the Clergy entitled to vote, and two-thirds (2-3ds) of the Churches entitled to representation, be present; otherwise, two-thirds (2-3ds) of the votes of each Order present, shall be necessary to determine a choice.

ARTICLE XI.

Of the Trial of a Clergyman.

A Clergyman shall be subject to a trial, for offences enumerated in the Canon of the General Convention “*of offences for which Ministers shall be tried and punished*,” and in the Canons of this Convention. The trial shall be conducted according to the mode provided for by the Canons of this Convention.

ARTICLE XII.

Of the admission of Churches, or Parishes into the Convention.

Whenever a Church, or Parish, not now entitled to a representation, shall be desirous of uniting with the Convention of the Church in this Diocese, they shall apply by letter to the Bishop, or when there is no Bishop, or he be absent, to the Standing Committee, stating the due organization of their Church, the election of their Vestrymen and Church

Wardens, their means, or prospects, for the support of a Minister, and their willingness to conform to the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, and the Constitution and Canons of the Convention of this Diocese, which are now, or hereafter may be enacted by authority of the same. And at the Convention next succeeding the receipt of such application, the Bishop, or Standing Committee, shall communicate the same to the Convention for their decision thereon. Should the Convention make a favorable decision, the said Church shall then be considered in union with the Convention of the Church in this Diocese : *Provided, always*, that the Delegates of the Church, or Parish newly admitted, though entitled to a seat, shall not be allowed a vote at the meeting of the Convention in which their Church, or Parish is admitted. But no Lay vote shall be received from any Church, or Parish, which has for three (3) successive years neglected to elect a Vestry and Wardens, or pay its quota to the Convention, until admitted by a vote of the Convention.

ARTICLE XIII.

Of Deputies to the General Convention.

SECTION 1.—At every annual Convention, four Presbyters, and four Laymen, shall be chosen by ballot, to represent this Diocese in General Convention.

SECTION 2.—In case any Deputy, appointed as above, shall decline such appointment, or be unable to attend, it shall be his duty to inform the Bishop, or in case of his absence, or of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the President of the Standing Committee; and the Bishop, or in case of his absence, or of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the Standing Committee may appoint a substitute for any Deputy so declining, or unable to attend: *Provided*, that such substitute be a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church in South-Carolina.

ARTICLE XIV.

Of altering the Constitution.

No one of these Articles shall be altered, or repealed, nor shall any Article be adopted; unless such alteration, repeal, or new article, be proposed, considered, and concurred in by a majority at one Convention, and concurred in by two-thirds (2-3ds) of the Churches present at a subsequent Convention.

CANONS.

CANON I.

On making Collections for the Bishop's Common Fund.

Every Minister having a Parochial charge in this Diocese, or his Assistant, shall, from time to time, at his discretion preach in every Church under his care, a sermon on the nature and duties of the Episcopal office ; and the Vestry of each Church are requested to make a collection annually, in aid of the Bishop's Common Fund ; or, in lieu of such collection, the Minister and Vestry of such Church may substitute an annual contribution. Passed 1822. Amended 1826.

CANON II.

Providing for an accurate view of the state of the Church.

Every Minister having a Parochial charge in this Diocese, shall, at or before the meeting of every annual Convention, deliver, or transmit to the Bishop, or where there is no Bishop, to the President of the Convention, an accurate statement, in writing, of the number of Baptisms, Burials, and Marriages, in his Parish, or Church, during the year ending on the first of January preceding : specifying the number of places where, and how often in each, Divine Service is held ; the number of Families, (discriminating in each instance the number of Families belonging likewise to other Congregations,) Communicants, Adults, and Children under fourteen (14) years, attending or belonging to the same ; the number catechised by him, and on how many Sundays ; whether there be any Sunday School, and, if any, the number of Children and Teachers, and the subjects of instruction in the same ; and generally, all such other matters as may tend to throw light on the state of the Church under his care ; which reports shall be laid before the Convention, and entered on the Journals, conformably to the seventh (7th) Canon of the General Convention of 1835. Passed 1825. Amended 1841.

CANON III.

Trial of a Clergyman.

SECTION 1.—In order to bring a Clergyman to trial before an Ecclesiastical Court, a charge shall be made, in the first place, to the Standing Committee, in writing, under the proper signature of at least two persons, one of whom shall be a Presbyter of this Diocese. And if the Standing Committee shall deem the offence charged, as coming within the offences enumerated in the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese,

or of the General Convention, and that it ought to be presented, they shall present the same to the Bishop in the following form :

To A. B., Bishop of the Diocese of South-Carolina :

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of South-Carolina, respectfully represent, that C. D. has been accused under the hand of E. F. and G. H., of [here recite the charge, or charges,] and the Committee are of opinion, that there is sufficient ground for presenting the said C. D. for trial, agreeably to the Canon, in such case made and provided.

[Signed by the Standing Committee.]

SECTION 2.—But nothing, herein contained, shall be regarded as interfering with the duty of the Bishop to institute an inquiry on his own motion, according to the thirty-seventh Canon of the General Convention.

SECTION 3.—A presentment being made, the Bishop shall proceed from among those entitled to a seat in the Convention, other than the members of the Standing Committee, to designate twelve (12) Presbyters, and cause a list of their names, and a copy of the presentment to be furnished to the accused, or left at his usual place of abode, if he be not found. Within thirty (30) days thereafter, the accused shall select five (5) of the twelve (12) Presbyters, and give notice thereof to the Bishop ; and in case of his failure to do so, the Bishop shall select five (5); and, in either case, the selected Presbyters shall constitute a Council for the trial of the accused.

SECTION 4.—The Council shall hold its session at such time and place as the Bishop may appoint, and shall have power to adjourn from time to time, and from place to place, within the Diocese. If it fail to meet on the day appointed, it shall stand adjourned to the next day, and from day to day, for the space of three days, if it be not sooner formed; and if the whole number do not attend, and it appears probable that a full attendance cannot be had, those of the Council who may be present, being not less than three (3), shall proceed to trial. The Council shall appoint a President and Secretary, the first from their own body, and the latter from their own body, or otherwise ; and before proceeding to trial, shall ordain and declare the rules by which the trial shall be conducted. It shall cause the oral testimony for and against the accused to be written down by the Secretary, and, along with the depositions and other evidence read upon the trial, to be carefully preserved ; and shall cause a record to be kept of its proceedings. Some officer authorized by law to administer oaths, may be called upon by the Council to administer an oath, or affirmation to the witnesses ; and the trial shall be in public, if desired by the Standing Committee, or by the accused.

SECTION 5.—A written notice of the time and place of meeting of the Council shall be served upon the accused, or left at his usual place of abode, (if he be not found,) at least thirty (30) days before such meet-

ing: and like notice shall be given to the Standing Committee, who by their President, or some one whom they may appoint to perform that office, shall collect and present the evidence in support of the accusation, and otherwise appear in behalf of the prosecution.

SECTION 6.—If the accused do not appear, the Council may proceed to trial in his absence, or, for good cause shewn, may adjourn the trial to another day; and if he refuse, or decline to appear, the Council shall report him to the Bishop for contumacy, who thereupon shall pass upon him sentence of suspension from the Ministry; but such sentence may be revised by the Bishop, if the accused, within three calendar months, shall report to him that he is prepared to undergo his trial, and shall appear for that end, before the Council; and if he do not so report and appear, the Bishop, in view of the charges in the presentment, may pass against him sentence of degradation from the Ministry.

SECTION 7.—Upon the application of the Standing Committee, or the accused, to the Bishop, setting forth that the attendance of a material witness cannot be had, he shall appoint a Clergyman, or Layman, as a Commissioner to take the deposition of such witness; and the party applying shall give to the other party five days notice of the time and place of taking the deposition. If the party to whom such notice is to be given, reside more than forty miles from the place appointed for taking the deposition, an additional day, exclusive of Sunday, shall be allowed for every twenty miles. The examination shall be in writing, and signed by the witness: and the deposition, certified by the Commissioner, and transmitted, under seal, to the Council.

SECTION 8.—When the trial shall be gone through, the Council shall declare, in a writing, to be signed by the several members, or a majority of them, their decision on the charges contained in the presentment, distinctly stating whether they find the accused guilty, or not guilty; and if guilty, suggesting what sentence, in their opinion, ought to be pronounced. They shall forward the decision, together with the evidence, and the record of the proceedings, to the Bishop; whereupon, the Bishop shall pronounce such sentence as shall to him appear proper, and such sentence shall be final. But if, in the opinion of the Bishop, the accused ought to have a new trial, he shall have power to award it; in which case a new Council shall be convened, before which the proceedings shall be conducted, as before provided.

SECTION 9.—If at any time the accused shall confess the truth of the charges, the Bishop (such confession being made to him, or being certified to him by the Council,) shall proceed to pass sentence; and if, when put upon his trial before the Council, the accused shall neither admit, nor deny the charges, he shall be regarded as pleading not guilty.

SECTION 10.—It shall be the duty of the Bishop to report to the Convention, at its next session, after the trial of a Presbyter, or Deacon, as herein provided, the finding of the Council and his sentence thereupon.

RULES OF ORDER.

I. The opening of the Convention shall always be preceded by the Morning Service of the Church, a Sermon, and the administration of the Lord's Supper by the Bishop, or, if the Episcopate be vacant, or the Bishop be not present, by the President of the Standing Committee. The business of every succeeding day shall be introduced with the Morning Service, and the business of every day shall be closed with the appropriate Collects pronounced by the President.

II. At the opening of each Annual Convention, when the President shall have taken the Chair, the Secretary, shall first call over, in alphabetical order, the names of the Clergy entitled to seats. He shall then call over the Churches entitled to representation; when the Delegates shall lay their certificates on the Secretary's table. These shall be referred to a Committee of three, who shall forthwith examine them, and report to the Convention. A constitutional quorum having been found present, the President shall declare the Convention duly organized. Should the Committee have considered any testimonials unsatisfactory, these shall now be taken up, and the question of their sufficiency settled.

III. The further order of business for the first day of the session of the Convention shall be as follows:

1. The reading of the "Rules of Order."
2. The election of a Secretary, who shall have power to appoint an Assistant Secretary.
3. The consideration of the application of Churches, or Parishes, for admission into the Convention.
4. The appointment, by the President, of Preachers for the first day of the next Annual Convention.
5. The appointment by the President, of two Standing Committees, viz: the Committee on unfinished business one (1) Clergyman and two (2) Laymen; the Committee on Finance, three (3) Laymen.
6. The annual communication of the Standing Committee of the Church.
7. The appointment of that Committee.
8. The choosing of Deputies to the General Convention.
9. The appointment of special Committees.
10. Miscellaneous business.

IV. The daily order of proceedings, after the first day, shall be, on the President's taking the Chair.

1. The reading and approval of the Minutes.
2. Calling the names of members absent on the preceding day.
3. Calling upon each delegation to pay the assessment on their re-

spective Churches, or Parishes, for the Bishop's Common Fund, and for the expenses of the Convention.

4. Reports to be called for in the following order :
Committee on Finance.

Treasurer of Bishop's Permanent, Common and Convention Funds.

Committee on Unfinished Business.

Conventional School Committee.

Trustees for aged and infirm Clergymen.

Committees appointed at the preceding Convention.

Special Committees.

5. Miscellaneous Business.

V. Before the rising of the Convention, the Minutes of the last day's proceedings shall be read and approved.

VI. The Bishop's Address shall be at any time in order.

VII. When the President shall take the Chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the Chair.

VIII. The delegation of each Church shall occupy one pew.

IX. No member shall absent himself from the Convention, unless he hath leave, or be unable to attend.

X. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise from his seat, and, without advancing, shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself to the point in debate, and avoiding personality.

XI. When two or more members rise at the same time, the President shall name the member who is first to speak.

XII. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question, without leave of the Convention.

XIII. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the Convention, and shall not again be drawn into debate during the same session, except upon a motion to reconsider, which may be moved and seconded by any member who voted in the majority.

XIV. When the President is putting the question, no one shall hold private discourse, stand up, walk into, out of, or across the Church.

XV. No motion shall be considered before the Convention, unless seconded, and reduced to writing, if the President or any member require it. A Minister, or Delegate, may not second a motion offered by a Minister, or Delegate, of the same Church with himself.

XVI. When a question is before the House, no motion shall be received, but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a day certain, to commit, or amend ; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are named. A motion to strike out the word "Resolved," shall have precedence to a motion to amend ; and, if carried, shall be equivalent to a rejection of the reso-

lution. Subject to these exceptions, the question first moved, shall be first put.

XVII. Motions to adjourn, to lay on the table, and to postpone indefinitely, shall be decided without debate. A motion to adjourn may interrupt a speech, or any other business of the Convention.

XVIII. No leave of absence shall be indefinitely granted to any member, unless full and sufficient reason be given by him to the Convention.

XIX. When any report, motion, or proposition shall be offered, before any debate or order on the subject, the President *may*, at his pleasure, or upon the demand of any member, he *shall* put the question. "Will the Convention now receive this?" Which question shall be decided without debate. If it be decided in the negative, the matter shall stand as though not presented. If no such question be put, the matter, if in order, shall be received without question.

XX. All special Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

XXI. No member shall vote on any question, in the event of which he is immediately and personally interested, or in any case where he was not present when the question was put.

XXII. If any member, in speaking, or otherwise, transgress the rules of the Convention, the President *shall*, or any member *may* call to order; in which case, the member so called to order shall immediately sit down unless permitted to explain. All questions of order shall be determined in the first instance, without debate, by the President; but any member may appeal from such decision to the Convention, and on such appeal no member shall speak more than once, without leave of the Convention.

XXIII. The President shall have the right to name a member to perform the duties of the Chair; but such substitution shall not extend beyond an adjournment.

XIV. Clergymen belonging to the Diocese, but not entitled to seats in the Convention, Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, not belonging to the Diocese, and Candidates for Orders, shall be admitted to the sittings of this Convention.

XXV. None of the Rules of Order shall be suspended, without the concurrence of two thirds (2-3rds) of the members present.

XXVI. The foregoing Rules of Order shall be read at the opening of every Convention, and shall be of force, unless repealed by a vote of the Convention.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That the following are the sums which each Parish, or Church, shall annually contribute to a fund, to be called "The Bishop's Common Fund;" to wit:

St. Michael's,	- - -	\$300	St Luke's,	- - -	\$15
St. Philip's,	- - -	300	Church of the Holy Trinity,		
St. Paul's, Radcliffeboro',	-	150	Grahamville,	- - -	15
St. Peter's,	- - -	100	Christ Church, Wilton,	- - -	15
Prince George, Winyaw,	-	50	St. Helena, St. Helena Island,	10	
St. John's, Berkley,	-	50	St. Mark's, Clarendon,	-	10
St. John's, Colleton,	- - -	50	St. James', Goose Creek,	-	10
Edisto Island,	- - -	50	St. David's, Cheraw,	- - -	10
All-Saints, Waccamaw,	-	50	St. Andrew's,	- - -	10
St. Helena, Beaufort,	-	35	Grace Church, Camden,	-	10
St. Paul's, Pendleton,	-	30	Pineville and Upper St. John's,	10	
Trinity Church, Columbia,	-	30	Prince William's Parish,	-	10
St. James, Santee,	- - -	30	Grace Church, Sullivan's Island,	5	
North Santee,	- - -	30	Christ Church,	- - -	5
St. Bartholomew's,	- - -	25	St. James, James Island,	-	5
St. Paul's, Stono,	- - -	20	Trinity Church, Society Hill,	5	
St. Thomas and St. Dennis,	-	20	Prince Frederick's,	- - -	5
Claremont,	- - -	20	Christ Church, Greenville,	-	5
St. Matthews,	- - -	20			

[Passed 1824. Amended at various times.

2. *Resolved*, That the Trustees of the Bishop's Common Fund, shall punctually pay over to the Bishop of the Diocese, the sum of fifteen hundred (1500) dollars, annually, in quarterly payments, from said fund; to enable him to discharge his Episcopal duties.

[Passed 1835. Amended 1841.

3. *Resolved*, That whatever balance may remain, after paying the sum of fifteen hundred dollars to the Bishop, shall be paid over to the Bishop's Permanent Fund. [Passed 1834. Amended.

4. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Convention, in his annual Summons to the different Parishes, or Churches, to state the quota of such Parishes, or Churches, to the Bishop's Common Fund. [Passed 1830.

Resolved, That the Parishes of St. Philip's, and St. Michael's, and St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeboro', and St. Peter's Church, Charleston, shall each contribute ten (10) dollars annually, and each Parish or Church in the country five (5) dollars annually, towards defraying the expenses of the Convention; and, that the Secretary, in issuing his Summons to the

Parish, or Churches, shall inform them of this resolution; and that, at each annual Convention, the Treasurer shall apply to the Delegates of each Church, for their respective contributions.

Passed 1820. *Amended* 1829.

6. *Resolved*, That it be the duty of the Secretary of the Convention, for the time being, to furnish the Ministers of the several Parishes, or Churches, with blank copies of the usual form for Reports; and that they be, and they are hereby required, *henceforth*, to make their annual returns conformably to the same.

[*Passed* 1826.]

7. *Whereas*, according to the Consecration service of the Protestant Episcopal Church, "devout and holy men, as well under the Law as under the Gospel, moved either by the express command of God, or by the secret inspiration of the blessed Spirit, and acting agreeably to their own reason and sense of the natural decency of things, have erected houses for the public worship of God, and separated them from all *unhallowed, worldly, and common* uses, in order to fill men's minds with greater reverence for his glorious Majesty and affect their hearts with more devotion and humility in his service;" and, whereas, the delivering of orations, and holding elections, on secular or political subjects and occasions, and the usual worldly accompaniments and circumstances, are thought inconsistent with both the letter and spirit of this declaration of the Consecration service, and have been found to give pain to many members of our Communion, and generally to be of injurious tendency; therefore be it

Resolved by this Convention, That it be recommended to the Vestries of all Churches in this Diocese, to discourage, and, if possible, interdict the use of the Churches under their care, for all *unhallowed, worldly, and common* purposes.

[*Passed* 1828.]

8. *Resolved*, That the custom of returning thanks for Sermons preached before this body, is inexpedient and unnecessary, and shall not, in future, be observed.

[*Passed* 1829.]

9. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay, annually, to the Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, the quota of this Diocese, towards defraying the contingent expenses of the General Convention.

[*Passed* 1832.]

10. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the several Clergymen, having a Parochial charge, to give notice to their respective Congregations, on the Sunday preceding the meeting of the Diocesan Convention, that divine service may be expected every day during the sitting of the Convention.

[*Passed* 1838. *Amended*.]

11. *Resolved*, That the fund to be raised in conformity with a resolution for adopting measures to increase the Bishop's Permanent Fund, shall be called the "Convention Fund, raised for the increase of the Bishop's Permanent Fund; shall be entrusted to the charge of the Treasurer of the Bishop's Permanent and Common Funds; and shall not be used, either principal or interest, except for the purpose of investment until the income shall be adequate, together with the income

of the Bishop's Permanent Fund, to the support of the Episcopate, independent of a Parochial charge. *Passed 1836, and amended.*

12. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Parishes of the Diocese to defray the expenses of their respective Pastors, incurred by their attendance on the Diocesan Convention. *[Passed 1838.*

13. *Resolved*, That it be respectfully recommended to the members of our Church, who are proprietors of slaves, individually and collectively, to take measures for the *support* of Clerical Missionaries and Lay Catechists, who are members of our Church for the religious instruction of their slaves. *[Passed 1838.*

14. *Resolved*, That it be urged upon the Rectors and Vestries of the country Parishes, to exert themselves to obtain the services of such Clerical Missionaries and Lay-Catechists. *[Passed 1838.*

15. *Resolved*, That every Missionary and Catechist be approved of by the Bishop. *[Passed 1838.*

16. *Resolved*, That the Clergy be required, on some suitable occasion previously to the meeting of the Convention in each year, to call the attention of their respective Congregations, to the importance of the punctual attendance of Delegates at such Convention. *[Passed 1838.*

17. *Resolved*, That no person, who is a Candidate for Orders, shall be admitted to a seat in this Convention, as a Lay Delegate from any Parish or Church. *[Passed 1839.*

18. *Resolved*, That it be respectfully recommended to the several Churches in this Diocese, that in the appointment of Delegates to the Diocesan Convention, they should select persons who are regular communicants of the Church. *[Passed 1841.*

19. *Resolved*, That the Rector or officiating Minister, or in case of there being no Minister, the Chairman of the Vestry in the different Parishes be requested at as early a date as possible after each annual election of Vestry and Wardens of their Church, to forward a list of their names to the President of the Standing Committee, and also a list to the Secretary of the Convention, that they may be kept on file. *[Passed 1842.*

20. *Resolved unanimously*, That whereas, the practice of both public and private travelling on the Lord's day, is deemed to be a prevalent evil of the times; and whereas, the 41st Canon of our Church, "Of the due celebration of Sundays," prescribes that "All persons within this Church shall celebrate and keep the Lord's Day, commonly called Sunday, in hearing the word of God read and taught, in private and public prayer, in other exercises of devotion, and in acts of charity, using all godly and sober conversation."

Resolved, That the attention of the members of our Church in this Diocese be solicited to the above Canon.



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The next meeting of the Convention will be held in St. Michael's Church, Charleston, on the second Wednesday of February 1848, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

C. WALLACE, *Secretary.*